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CRUEL MURDER OF OLD WOMAN.

SMALL GIRL CHARGED WITH CRIME.

AMAZING DUPLICITY ALLEGED BY CROWN.

TERRIBLE INJURIES.

"You may feel subconsciously that there is something a little harsh in this prosecution—that there is something inconsistent in so small a girl being charged with murder" said Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Criminal Sessions today when he appeared for the Crown in the case in which Ng Lin-hung, a *mui tsai*, is charged with the murder of an old woman at Cheung Chau.

Continuing, Mr. Whyte Smith said he would ask the members of the jury to remove from their minds any consideration of this kind.

Crowns Clear Duty.

A clear duty was imposed upon the Crown to prosecute and if, after hearing the evidence they were satisfied that the accused took some part in the murder, or assisted in any way, it would be their duty to convict.

Mr. Instone Brewer appeared for the defence.

The history of the case was outlined by Mr. Whyte Smith, who said the little girl in the dock was charged with the murder of an old woman of 76 who lived alone in a house at Sai Wan, Cheung Chau. The little girl was actually the woman's *mui tsai*. The woman was found dead on the floor of her house on the night of December 21 with terrible injuries to her head, caused evidently by a chopper or some other sharp instrument.

Accused Makes Report.

A peculiar feature of the case was that the accused herself was actually the person who reported and at first her story was believed and acted upon by the Police.

Certain persons were detained and subsequently released as suspicion fell on the little girl herself. He thought it might be assumed that she did not commit the murder alone as two blood-stained choppers were found in the house after the murder. The motive for the crime was very obscure. So far as they knew only one article was stolen from the house and that was a head ornament of no great value.

This belonged to the old woman and the theft of it would appear to be an inadequate motive. That formed an important exhibit in the case as the accused reported that it had been stolen and he thought the jury would hear evidence that the girl knew more about the ornament than she at first pretended.

Two Choppers Used.

The *mui tsai* was bought about six years ago by a daughter of the murdered woman and worked in the latter's house. At about 10.30 on the night of the murder the accused called at the house of a man and said her grandmother was being held down by two robbers. It was a matter of comment that the house she called at was not the nearest to that in which the old woman lived.

Men went to the house and found the woman lying on the floor dead. Two bloodstained choppers were also found, one close to the body. Two neighbours would say that soon after ten o'clock the same night they heard the old woman cry out "Lin Hung, do not strike me."

Evidence would also be given that the girl and a man were seen to come out of the house and walk quickly away. A white jacket worn by the accused was found to bear human blood stains.

Girl's Accusations.

Mr. Whyte Smith said the girl had made several statements and had accused a man called Ip Choi of the crime. He at one time stood in the dock with the girl but

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SHANGHAI RIVER EXCITEMENT.

U. S. FREIGHTER COLLIDES WITH VINDICTIVE.

SHIP OUT OF CONTROL.

Shanghai, Feb. 20.

The usual Sunday morning promenaders along the Bund and in the Public Gardens, were eye-witnesses of a long period of excitement in the river when the American freighter, the s.s. Cuprum, got out of control and collided with H. M. S. Vindictive.

The Cuprum got into difficulties by vainly endeavouring to avoid crashing into some junks, and she grounded in the river a little below the Vindictive.

On the flood tide she refloated and she was swept towards the British warship, the Cuprum's anchor fouling the buoy to which H. M. S. Vindictive was moored.

The damage was inconsiderable, but the telephone cables were carried away, subsequently to be recovered.

The American freighter was eventually rescued from her precarious plight by tugs.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

CERTAIN CURE FOR LEPROSY.

DISEASE WILL BE STAMPED OUT IN 10 YEARS.

UNCOSTLY REMEDY.

London, Feb. 19.

The complete stamping out of leprosy within the next ten years is predicted in the annual report of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association, which will be presented at the annual meeting to be held on Friday next.

This will be accomplished by means of treatment with oil extracted form the dried fruit of the *Hydnocarpus* tree.

Stations for treatment will be started throughout the Empire in places where he disease is prevalent. The Imperial and Dominion Governments are actively co-operating in the matter.

It is estimated that sufferers from leprosy exceed 4,000,000, of which there are 416,00 in the British Empire.

Sir Leonard Rogers, of the Medical Board, India Office, in an interview says that the demand for the oil exceeds the supply. Over 100,000 doses have been sent out during the past three months. The cost of manufacture is 2s. 6d. for a year's supply, but a new process of extraction will reduce this to 1½d.

Steps will be taken to plant extensively the *Hydnocarpus* tree in suitable countries. Sir Leonard Rogers says it has indubitably been established that nearly every case of leprosy can be prevented from reaching the infective stage. —*Reuter.*

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM CELL.

OPIUM ADDICT IN FRENZY AT YAUMATI.

While detained at Yaumati Police Station on Saturday as a returned deportee, a Chinese, named Ho Yiu, 30 years of age, attempted to break out of his cell.

He forced the wire netting of the window, and with the cover of a night soil bucket, began to scrape away the mortar of the wall in the hope apparently of removing the bricks to enable him to escape into the street.

The task proving an impossible one, he then twisted his singlet and was strangling himself with it, when the attention of a policeman was attracted and he entered the cell in time to prevent the man from committing suicide.

Dr. Dovey who was summoned to examine the man, pronounced these somewhat frenzied actions as being due to craving for opium, to which the man is an addict. The prisoner has since been removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

CANTON SEEKING LOAN.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A BIG SUM.

INSTONE BANK CORPORATION FIGURES PROMINENTLY.

GUARANTEE QUESTION

For some considerable time past it has been made apparent in reports received from Canton, that in its programme of provincial reconstruction, the Canton Government, under General Li Chai-sum, is actively giving its attention to the problem of financial stabilization. Precisely all that it contemplates in this direction is not stated, but at any rate the stabilization of currency, in a sweeping and unprecedented way, has been suggested as one of the principal conditions in negotiations now proceeding for a huge loan in which a Hongkong Bank is interesting itself.

There have been a number of conflicting reports as to the identity of the Bank in question, and it was not until this morning that we were informed, on good authority, that the Instone Banking Corporation, of Hongkong, is one of the interested parties.

Many Difficulties.

It is stated that, for some time past, the Instone Banking Corporation has been negotiating in respect of such a loan. The transaction is fraught with many difficulties, and one of these has been that, owing to several different parties having joined to provide the money, such terms as were approved by some were repugnant to others, while the necessity of submitting proposals to the several groups has made for considerable delay.

It is now disclosed that a verbal agreement has been reached, whereby all parties concur in granting to the Instone Banking Corporation, Limited, full discretion to deal with the Canton Government in this matter and agree that whatever terms and security shall be considered adequate by the Instone Banking Corporation, Limited, shall be accepted by all concerned, provided always that the loan shall be directly utilized for the stabilization of currency.

Authority so to act will be given in writing, it is further stated, by each party to this projected loan and will be placed in the hands of the Instone Banking Corporation within the next three days. This is expected to facilitate matters and enable the transaction to be quickly completed.

A Huge Sum.

Involved in this scheme, are a number of difficult features in respect of which further information is needed. It is realised that if the primary object—that of stabilization of the Canton currency—is to be achieved a sum of an amount probably unprecedented in any previous single loan made to a Canton Government, will be called for, and this brings along in its train the requirement of ample guarantees.

The scheme appears to have progressed to the stage at which the amount to be loaned has been agreed upon, although in what proportions it is to be put up by the various groups interested, appears to be still a matter for futher negotiation. However, with full authority given to the Instone Banking Corporation to carry on negotiations, it appears that the next step will be the completion of the details.

Whether a new financial institution will be organized to finance the the scheme on the lines of a Bank is not clear, but it is indicated that whatever reserves are considered necessary for the backing of the new currency, will be kept in Hongkong. The extent to which the present paper currency of Canton will be affected is not yet known, but sufficient has been disclosed to show that the groups advancing the money are fully alive to the necessity of proper guarantees.

Chinese Chamber Interested.

On further enquiries, the *Telegraph* learns that the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at Canton, with several interested

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WHAT RICH PAY IN TAXES.

SOME DETAILS OF BRITAIN'S INCOME.

STRIKING FIGURES.

London, Feb. 19.

Details of the nation's income are given in the report of the Inland Revenue Commissioners for the year ended March 31st, 1927.

The gross income of the nation for the year was £2,944,000,000 and the gross amount of Inland Revenue duties, etc., collected was £449,000,000. The cost of collection was 1.61 per cent.

How the rich pay is also shown. A man with £150,000 a year spends nearly half his income, 9s. 7d. in the pound, on Income Tax and Super Tax. All those receiving more than £2,000 per year, thus becoming Super Tax payers contribute £60,000,000 a year to the State, and the Death Duties amount to 40 per cent. in the case of a £2,000,000 estate.—*British Wireless.*

NEW AMBASSADOR TO PARIS.

SIR W. TYRRELL'S APPOINTMENT WELCOMED.

London, Feb. 19.

The announcement of Sir William Tyrrell's appointment to succeed Lord Crewe, who retires from the Paris Embassy in the summer, has been extremely well received both in Paris and in London.

The newspapers point out that Sir William Tyrrell's appointment is a delicate compliment to France, since it is rare for a Permanent Under-Secretary of State to be asked to take any Ambassadorial post.

The *Observer* says Sir William Tyrrell's choice commands approval at Home and abroad, and adds:—"Now more than ever Paris is the nodal point of European diplomacy, and the task which confronts the British Ambassador to France is of so special a character that the post has twice in recent years been filled from outside the professional ranks. To-day, the condition of the Continent is easier, but not yet easy, and it gives the fullest scope for the patient and tactful comprehensiveness of view proper to a diplomat."

The French Press has given the appointment a unanimous and equally cordial welcome.—*British Wireless.*

CAR FALLS FROM SHIP CARGO SLING.

TWO SERIOUS ACCIDENTS ON THE HARBOUR.

Two serious accidents occurred on the harbour during the weekend, the victims in both cases being cargo-coolies.

In the first case, a man of 40, named Kwok Hu, received serious injuries when a motor-car which was being landed into a lighter, from an American ship, broke from its sling, and fell on him. He was removed ashore to hospital in a critical condition.

Another cargo-coolie was injured by falling metal in almost similar circumstances on the s.s. Kwong Sang. Injuries were inflicted on his face and body, and the man was in a very serious condition when he was taken to hospital.

JAPANESE GENERAL ELECTION.

POLLING OPENS TO-DAY IN BRILLIANT SUN.

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

The elections opened in brilliant sunshine and the polling booths were well attended.

The Police have been heavily reinforced for the purpose of quelling any possible disorders, but everything has been conducted perfectly quietly up to the present. —*Reuter.*

BRITISH DRIVER'S TRIUMPH.

WORLD'S MOTOR SPEED RECORD SMASHED.

CAPTAIN CAMPBELL EXCEEDS 206.9 MILES AN HOUR.

WAKEFIELD TROPHY.

New York, Feb. 19.

Captain Malcolm Campbell, the famous British racing motorist, driving his Napier-Campbell racing car, the "Bluebird," broke the world's speed record over the Daytona Beach course today, with a speed of 206.95602 miles per hour.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Captain Campbell's terrific speed beat the record set by Major H. O. D. Segrave, also British, by over three miles an hour, an immense advance when the extra strain on the engine capacity is considered.

1,000 Guinea Trophy Won.

By his wonderful achievement, Captain Campbell is in a position to make an early claim for the magnificent gold trophy, valued at 1,000 guineas, offered by Sir Charles Wakefield to the International Association, at the beginning of February, for the first driver to surpass Major Segrave's record.

In addition, the successful driver will receive from Sir Charles Wakefield an income of £1,000 yearly as long as his record remains intact up to the end of 1930.

Captain Malcolm Campbell will as his personal property receive an engraved replica of the gold trophy, while the trophy will be held during the existence of the record by the Royal Automibile Club.

Aeroplane Engine.

A photograph of the "Bluebird" and of the victorious driver will be found on Page 11. The machine was constructed at the Napier Works, and Captain Campbell created his first big record in it on Februriy 4th, last year, when he set up a world record of 174.843 miles an hour, subsequently beaten by Major Segrave.

Since that great performance, slight alterations in design have been made to the body, while the aero-engine with which Great Britain won the Schneider Cup trophy was fitted as its propelling power. It cost well over £5,000 to build, and was designed to demonstrate the ability of the small car based on a study of aero dynamics with minimum wind resistance to accomplish better results than the huge car of tremendous horse-power, designed to overcome the terrific wind resistance by sheer force.

Captain Campbell raced against a Stutz car, the "Black Hawk," driven by the famous American racing-motorist, Mr. Frank Lockhart.

Done in Gale.

A heavy gale was blowing during Major Campbell's exploit.

The maximum speed attained was 214.75 miles per hour. The car turned broadside on when travelling at 210 miles per hour, but recovered and continued.

FLYING ACROSS AFRICA.

R.A.F. EXERCISE NEXT MONTH.

London, Feb. 19.

The flight across Africa, which has now become an annual exercise in the normal training of the Royal Air Force, will begin on March 1st, when four Fairey-Napier 3F biplanes will set out from Cairo to the Cape and back. They will travel in formation and to a time-table.

The Fairey 3F is of the so-called general purpose type and can be converted from a seaplane to a landplane in under an hour. It is equipped with the well-known Napier Lion engine.—*British Wireless.*

INDIAN ASSEMBLY SENSATION.

REPORTER THROWS SATCHEL AT SIR BASIL BLACKETT.

A SERIOUS OFFENCE.

New Delhi, Feb. 19.

When the result of the voting on the boycott motion was announced in the Assembly yesterday, a large writing-case was dropped from the Press Gallery on to Sir Basil Blackett's head.

Police immediately seized the reporter responsible, and report had it that Sir Basil called out "It's all right."

It transpires, however, that Sir Basil temporarily lost consciousness.

The reporter arrested is a member of the staff of the *Hindustan Times*, and he has declared that the action was unintentional.

Charged later with causing hurt to a public servant on duty, the man was released on bail of Rs. 2,000.

It is alleged that he threw his neighbour's writing-case at Sir Basil Blackett, shouting at the same time "This is my reply to Lord Birkenhead."—*Reuter.*

LONDON THRONGED WITH BUYERS.

GREAT INTEREST IN BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

13 MILES OF STANDS.

London, Feb. 19.

The fourteenth British Industries' Fair which opens to-morrow at the White City, London, and at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, and continues until March 2nd, will be by far the largest trade display ever held in Britain.

Over 2,000 British manufacturers have displayed their best and newest products along the thirteen miles of stands, and their customers, including trade buyers from over sixty countries, are arriving in London and Birminghan by every train.

London hotels this week-end are thronged with overseas buyers.

One hotel has guests of seventeen nationalities while in another there are fifty buyers, a large proportion of whom are Germans.

Other hotels had visitors from Austria, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Siam and America, and visitors have come from as far afield as the Seychelles.

The annual Fair is being increasingly used by manufacturers for launching entirely new products on the world markets.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, the President of the Board of Trade, will preside at the Government Banquet to the leading exhibitors and buyers at the Mansion House to-morrow night, with the Duke of York as the chief guest. In the afternoon the Duke and Duchess of York will visit the White City, while on Thursday, Their Majesties, the King and Queen will visit the Birmingham section, and latter, probably the White City.—*British Wireless.*

FORMER MAHARAJA'S MOVEMENTS.

PREVENTED FROM GOING TO LUCKNOW.

Allahabad, Feb. 19.

Ripuda Man Singh, the ex-ruler of the Nabha State, who abdicated five years ago and has just been deprived of the title of Maharaja, his rights and privileges, and who is now known as Gurcharan Singh, was approached by the police when about to leave by train for Lucknow.

He was induced to enter another train, and is believed to be now en route to Kodaikaal.—*Reuter.*

[The ex-Maharaja has been accused of disloyal activities since his abdication and was ordered this week-end to reside at Kodaikanal, Madras.]

HINKLER IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore, Feb. 19.

Captain Bert Hinkler has arrived here on his way to Australia.—*Reuter.*

HOW SWATOW WAS SAVED.

A WIDESPREAD COUP PREVENTED.

DISCOVERY OF INVISIBLE INK MESSAGE.

HONGKONG SUSPECTS.

Swatow, Feb. 17.

A long and detailed account of the recent Communist plot has been published, and reveals the existence of a widespread organisation which was only barely prevented from carrying out a coup in Swatow with which it is doubtful if the authorities would have been able to deal effectively.

The plot was discovered by the arrest of suspects from Hongkong, one of whom carried a roll of white paper, which, on being treated by the police, was found to contain messages written in invisible ink. This put the police on the scent of one of the centres of the organisation where the arrests were made in the manner which I have previously described.

Five Centres.

It was found from examination of the prisoners that there were five centres of the organisation here, and that besides being in regular touch with Hongkong, there was a system of communication with various inland places around Swatow.

The two girls who were executed were sisters, and were graduates of a Middle School at Ch'ing Hai. It is distressing to record that after their execution their bodies were stripped. One of the men was a graduate of the Sun Yat-sen University (the Chungshan University) in Canton. They are reported to have said that the execution of a mere twenty of them would have little effect on their organisation.

Communist Success.

News of the scarcely impeded successes of the Hai-Luk Fung Communist Army continues to come in. Khue-tham, which has held out against several attacks, and which is the key position between Hai-Luk Fung and this district, has now fallen, and the small garrison of soldiers, who were sent to aid the local people organised under Chan Kwing-ming's old brigadier are said to be surrounded and to be in a very tight positon. The Communist force in Phou-leng has not been defeated and is said to be preparing for further activity.

Normally there should be no reason for fear that the advance on Swatow could be successful; but the mysterious inertia of the authorities is causing grave perturbation among Chinese in the port. The "Red" forces gain in strength like a snowball as they advance towards this district. The ubiquitous Peasants' Union and "Red" organisations give them a hold wherever they go.

Frantic Appeals.

Mi-ou and Ho-pho, in the Kit-yang district, are sending frantic appeals for help. But such soldiers as have been sent are under no central control, and are poor stuff.

Refugees are coming in from Ho-pho, where so many of them fled, from the Hai-Luk Fung region.

The headquarters of the 11th Army (that of General Chan Ming-shu) has hitherto been here, but is now to leave for Canton, and that of the 7th Army, belonging to General Wong Shao-hung, is arriving. It is very likely due to these changes that there seems to be no strong authority to act in the present situation.

If the reported drive from Canton took place, it would be at the cost of pushing the Communists up there, unless some quite different policy locally is adopted. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

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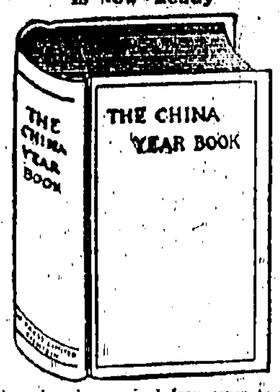

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APPOINTMENTS.

NEW BRITISH AMBASSADORS.

London, Feb. 17.

Sir Ronald Lindsay, Ambassador at Berlin, succeeds Sir William Tyrrell and Mr. Neville Henderson, at Cairo, replaces Sir Eric Phipps at Paris, who is the new Minister at Vienna.—*Reuter.*

Sound Judgment.

London, Feb. 18.

The following statement has been issued by the Foreign Office:

"H. M. the King has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Sir W. G. Tyrrell, Permanent Undersecretary of State at the Foreign Office, to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Paris, in succession to the Marquess of Crewe, who is retiring in the summer. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has appointed the Right Honourable Sir R. C. Lindsay, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Berlin, to be Permanent Undersecretary of State at the Foreign Office."

Lord Crewe's Service.

Lord Crewe's ambassadorship has lasted five eventful years, during which he has played a part in many important and intricate post-war problems. The period included the later stages of the reparation controversy and the Ruhr occupation question, the establishment of the Dawes plan, preparations for the Locarno treaties, and inter-Allied debt settlement negotiations. The Paris Embassy has naturally been one of the chief links between the British and French Governments on these issues. Sir W. G. Tyrrell has been for nearly three years Permanent Undersecretary, having succeeded to that influential post on the death of Sir Eyre Crowe. The *Times* says, "As Chief Assistant of the Foreign Secretary, he has played a very active part in the recent international developments, and his breadth of view and the soundness of his judgment on a rapid succession of intricate questions, have been widely recognised."

Sir Ronald Lindsay, who is a son of the sixth Earl of Crawford has held numerous diplomatic appointments at the foreign capitals, including Saint Petersburg, the Hague, Cairo, Washington and Paris. He was additional Undersecretary at the Foreign Office from 1921 to 1924, after which he was British representative in Constantinople before his appointment in 1925 as British Ambassador to Berlin.

French Approval.

Commenting on Sir. William Tyrrell's appointment, the Paris *Matin* to-day says, "The choice could not be a more flattering one to France. The success of such an eminent diplomatist is assured, for his fine character, his perfect understanding of France and the French people, together with the fact that he was one of the prime movers of the Entente Cordiale, are known to all."—*British Wireless.*

King's Bench Judges.

London, Feb. 18.

Mr. Ernest Charles, and Sir Travers Humphreys, have been appointed Judges in the King's Bench Division.—*British Wireless.*

Sir Travers Humphreys, Kt., who was knighted in 1925, has been Recorder of Cambridge since 1926, and is well known as the Senior Prosecuting Counsel to the Crown, in which capacity he has appeared in many famous cases, at the Central Criminal Court. He was born in 1867, the son of a London solicitor.

Mr. Ernest Charles, C.B.E., K.C., was called to the Bar, after leaving Oxford, in 1896, and became a Bencher in 1922. His appointments include Commissary General of the diocese of Canterbury, and Chancellor of Wakefield and Hereford, and of Chelmsford. He was Recorder of Bournemouth from 1915 to 1924, and of Southampton since 1924.

SIR M. LAMPSON.

ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG YESTERDAY.

Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to Peking, arrived in Hongkong yesterday morning on board H.M.S. Foxglove and after being officially received by His Excellency the Governor, proceeded to Government House.

The Foxglove came into harbour about 11 o'clock and Sir Miles came ashore about a quarter of an hour afterwards. He was accompanied by Mr. Davidson and Mr. Sterndale Bennett. The Minister landed at Queen's Pier from the launch Victoria and was greeted by H.E. the Governor, who then introduced Sir Miles to the Executive and Legislative Council members, Naval, Military and Air Force officers and others.

Among those present at Queen's Pier were Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Colonel Russell Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. C. McI Messer, O.B.E., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. R. E. Lindsell and many other Naval and Army officers and prominent local residents.

The band and a guard of honour from the King's Own Scottish Borderers was drawn up opposite Queen's Pier and Sir Miles was received with a Royal Salute when he landed. After inspecting the guard of honour he drove to Government House with His Excellency the Governor.

In the afternoon, Sir Miles paid a visit to the New Territories. To-day he had lunch with Major General Luard and to-night will attend a dinner party at Government House.

The Foxglove called at Amoy on the way down the coast and a number of British residents there were introduced to the Minister at the Amoy Club. In the evening Sir Miles dined with Mr. H. Brister, H.M. Consul.

MUSLIM FASTING.

FIRST TRAVEE PRAYERS THIS WEEK.

After the usual Friday prayers held at the Mosque in Shelley Street, Hongkong, the Mulvi (officiating priest) announced to the congregation for the information of all Muslims that if the new moon is visible on the evening of Wednesday, February 22, the first Travee prayers will commence on that night. In the event of the non-visibility of the new moon then the fast will begin on Thursday night.

He also announced that for the convenience of Muslims residing in the Eastern district, Travee prayers will be held at the Mosque in Happy Valley when prayers will start at 8.15 p.m. each night during the month of Ramadan. All Muslims are requested to attend.

THE CAVELL FILM.

OBJECTIONS ALSO RAISED IN UNITED STATES.

New York, Feb. 18.

The N. Y. *World* says that opposition to the exhibition of the Cavell film is being manifested here following an announcement by Mr. Arch Selwyn that he has purchased the American rights.

Mr. James Gerard, who was Ambassador to Germany prior to America's declaration of war, has threatened action in the courts to prevent the exhibition taking place in the United States, on the ground that it is contrary to public policy.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JAPAN ELECTIONS.

MANY DISTURBANCES.

Tokyo, Feb. 19.

At seven o'clock to-morrow morning drums, temple bells and sirens will announce the opening of Japan's first election under the universal manhood suffrage. Nine million people will cast their votes for the first time.

Developments during the last few days appear to indicate that the struggle will be even closer then at first predicted. Some even forecast a Minseito victory but the general expectation still is that the Seiyukai Party will win by a narrow margin not exceeding twenty and possibly even less.

For 466 seats there are 969 candidates, including about 370 each for the Seiyukai and Minseito, eighty-eight each for proletarians and independents, while the minor groups make up the balance.

Despite the sympathetic attitude of the vernacular papers the proletarians are not expected to secure more than a dozen seats. With the time of drawing near excitement is increasing, while charges and countercharges of irregularities are being freely made on all sides. The Government is freely accused of interference, especially the proletarians but the charges are flatly repudiated. The number of violations of the election law increasing rapidly though they are mainly of a minor nature. Several meetings have ended in uproar and been broken up by the police, while in one case a speaker was stabbed and another stoned and seriously injured.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

NEW RULER OF NABHA INDEPENDENT STATE.

New Delhi, Feb. 19.

The ex-ruler of Nabha State, Ripudaman Singh, who abdicated five years ago, the Government of India taking over the administration as a result of adverse judicial findings in connexion with the dispute between Nabha and Patiala, now deprived of the title of Maharaja, his rights and privileges and his monthly allowance reduced from 25,000 to 10,000 rupees. He is ordered to reside at Kodaikanal, Madras.

It is officially stated that the ex-Maharaja has repeatedly participated in disloyal activities since his abdication, despite warnings. His minor son, Tikka Sahib, succeeds to the throne immediately.—*Reuter.*

AN OIL WAR PACT?

REPORTED AGREEMENT OF BIG COMPANIES.

New York, Feb. 18.

The N.Y. *World* understands that the Standard Oil and Royal Dutch companies have patched up their differences and are calling off the price war.

No details are issued, but it is believed the Standard Oil Company is willing to earmark annually a part of the proceeds from the sale of Russian oil as an indemnity fund for the benefit of exowners of oil property seized by the Soviet.—*Reuter's American Service.*

YANGTSZE POSITION.

CONVOYS FIRED ON.

The Yangtsze, Feb. 18.

When a British convoy was fired upon on the 15th. of this month, two Chinese were wounded on board the river steamer Shasi. In addition, H.M.S. Woodlark and three other vessels were all hit by bullets and shells.—*Naval Wireless.*

Another Naval Wireless message states that there is no change in the situation generally.

PAN-AMERICA.

THE UNION CONVENTION FINALLY APPROVED.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 18.

Senor Alvear, president of the Argentine Republic, has despatched a letter to Senor Pueyrredon declaring that the Argentine Government is surprised at Pueyrredon's uncompromising attitude in announcing, without previous consultation, that he would not sign the Pan-American Union Convention if his proposals in regard to tariff barriers were not included. Pueyrredon acted well in announcing the principles for which Argentina stands, but wrongly in regard to the extreme resolution with which he tried to enforce the adoption of those principles. The letter concludes by expressing regret that Pueyrredon has confirmed his resignation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Havana, Feb. 18.

The plenary session of The Pan-American Conference has approved the Pan-American Union Convention which has been the chief bone of contention, and the refusal to sign the preamble of which led to Senor Pueyrredon's resignation.

Compulsory Arbitration.

Later.

The most important development at to-day's session of the Pan-American Congress was the approval, in which the United States concurred, of the principle of compulsory arbitration as "the key to the maintenance of peace in the Western hemisphere and as providing a logical means for the settlement of international disputes."

The sub-committee on Public International Law unanimously adopted its report which calls for "a Conference at Washington to draw up a collective Pan-American Arbitration Convention."

Transit of Arms.

Later.

Faced with a threat that Bolivia would not adhere to the treaty governing maritime neutrality unless it imposed on countries an obligation to allow the transit of war materials through their territories to nations with no outlet to the sea, the Public International Law Committee of the Pan-American Conference has approved an amendment to this effect.

The voters for the amendment included the United States and voted against it.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Havana, Feb. 19.

The next Pan-American Conference will be held in Montevideo and the eighth in a country facing the Pacific coast.—*Reuter's American Service.*

United States Objects to Certain Clauses.

Havana, Feb. 19.

The plenary session of the Pan-American Conference adopted firstly a convention on maritime neutrality. The United States made reservations to the clause forbidding the arming of merchantmen for defence in war time as involving the loss of status as neutrals.

Secondly a convention on the right of asylum of foreigners. The United States also made reservations.

Thirdly a convention on the rights of aliens. The United States made reservation on the clause forbidding the subjection of aliens to military service.

It also adopted a resolution outlawing all wars of aggression unanimously.

The resolution regarding non-intervention under any circumstances was not to the vote, although many delegates indicated that they regarded it as very timely. Opposing non-intervention Mr. Hughes, head of the United States delegation, declared that international law cannot be changed by resolutions at a conference like this. The United States cannot forego its right to protect its citizens.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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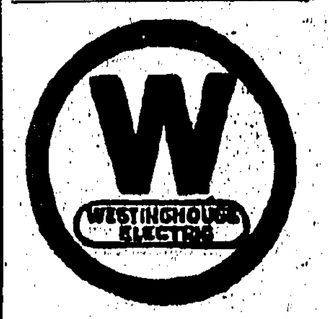

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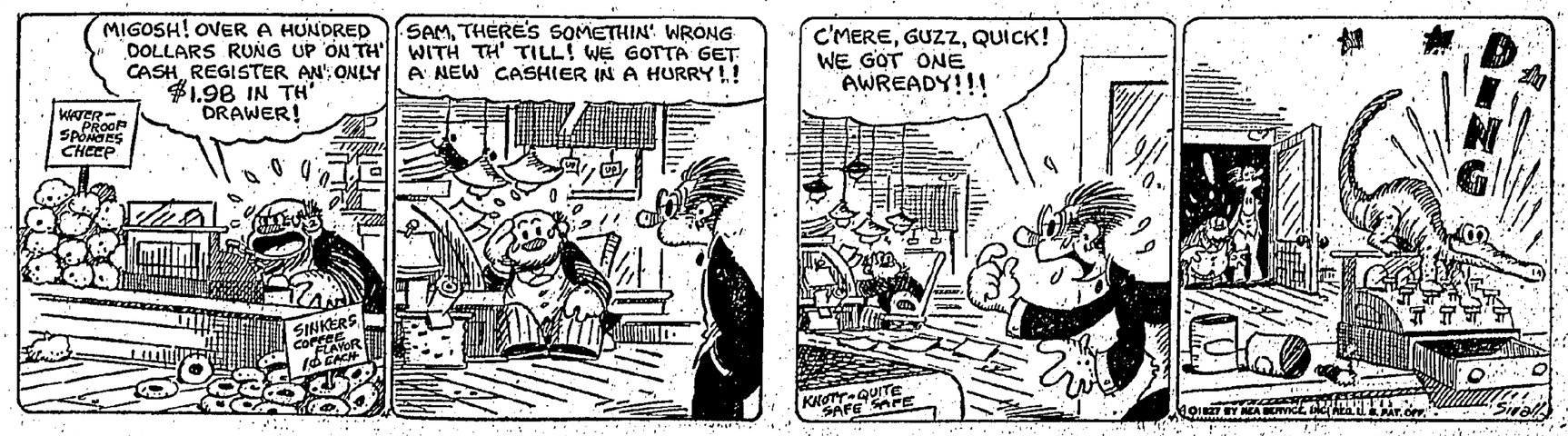
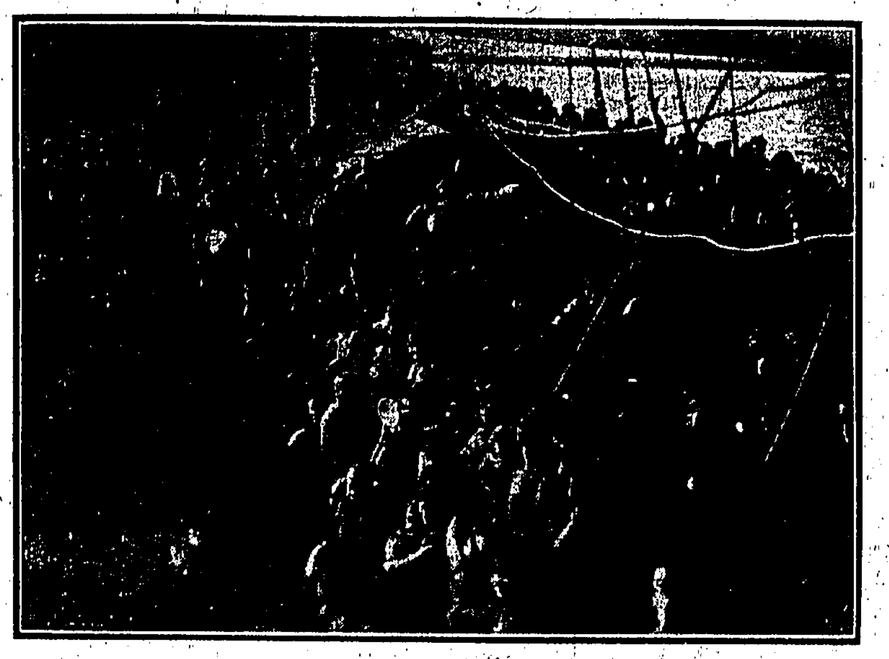


Group taken at the wedding in Shanghai recently of Mr. John Murray Cuthbert, of Cambusbarron, Scotland, to Miss Amy Louise Clifford, of Shanghai. Mrs. Frank S. Ward, on the left is the sister of the bride.

Major General A. E. Wardrop, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Shanghai Defence Force, photographed with Major General Sir John Duncan, on the wharf in Shanghai shortly after his arrival.

Grotesque figures with comparatively tiny human legs appearing below them, a feature of the Peking Ice Carnival held recently.



Civil war, famine and excessive taxation have created severe havoc among the poor in Shantung and many are fleeing for sanctuary. This picture is a moving illustration of the manner in which the emigrant ships are packed.

A few of the crowd which spent a thoroughly enjoyable time in fancy dresses on the Ice of Peking recently. The event was held in the Peh-hai Park.

Picture taken on the arrival in Manchuria of refugees from the Shantung strife. Over 100,000 are stated to have left for Manchuria, and some of them appear happy in their new abode.

A story of the sun and wind was gracefully told in dance by pupils of the Shanghai Public School for Girls. The Wind is on the left, the Sun on the right, while three little Flowers occupy the centre of the stage.

Another pretty dance by pupils of the Shanghai Public School for Girls, one of the items on the programme at the annual prize-giving. Four little girls are seen in a Peter Rabbit Dance.

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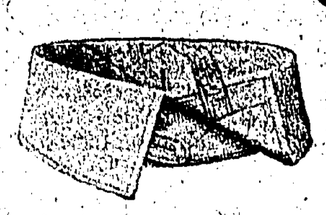

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"The Prospects of Commercial Aviation in the Far East."

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

NOTICE.

The Eighth Annual General Meeting of the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Monday the 20th February, 1928, at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS.

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

Election of Officers and Committee.

Any other business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at the meeting.

C. M. MANNERS,
Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 29th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts, for the year ended December 31st, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 17th February, 1928, to Wednesday, the 29th February, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th Feb. 1928.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Feb. 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and selecting Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

Draft programmes and entry forms of the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Sunday, 4th March, 1928, can be obtained upon application to The International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hongkong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hongkong.

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Hongkong, February 20, 1928.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Chartered Bank, £21¼ b.
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Canton Ins., $625 b.
Union Ins., $313 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtsze Ins., $46½ b.
China Underwriters, $2¼ n.
China Fires, $215 n.
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Shipping.

Douglases, $43 b.
H. K. Steamboats, $27 b.
H. K. Tugs, $2.90 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) $36½ b.
Shell Trans., 85/- n.
Union Waterboats, $17 b.

Mining.

Benguets, $2½ s.
Kailans, 66/- b.
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Raubs, $4½ b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

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Kowloon Wharves, $133 n.
Whampoa Docks, $48½ b.
China Providents $5.90 sa.
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Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. $7.60 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.
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H. K. Lands, $64½ b.
S'hai Lands Tls. $134 b.
Humphreys, $14½ b
Realties, $8.90 b.
Territorials, $1½ n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, $26 b.
Peak Trams, (old) $14 n.
Star Ferries, $63½ n.
China Lights, (Comb.) $16½ s.
H'kong Electrics, $73½ b.
Macao Electrics, $21 b.
Telephones $4.35 n.
China Buses, Tls. 6½ n.
Singapore Tractions, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, $10 n.
Malabons, $27½ n.
Canton Ices, $4 b.
Cements (Comb) $10.90 b.
Ropes (Old) $9½ sa.
United Asbestos $10 s.

Stores &c.

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Watsons, $12.30 b.
Dor A. Wing, $6 s.
Lane Crawfords, $3.10 n.
Mackintosh, $22 s.
Sincores, $9 b.
Wm. Powells, $5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $29 b.
Constructions, $1½ n.
B'que Ind. G. Bnods, 56% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Pref.

Plymouth, Jan. 23.—A bag of registered mails from Bermuda to England was discovered to be missing at Plymouth during the week-end. The American Shipper had brought 4,000 bags. These were being transferred to two tenders, when it was noticed that the seal of one Bermuda bag had been tampered with. On examination, it was found that registered mails, which should have been in another bag inside, were missing. The bag was sent from Bermuda to New York, and there put on board the American Shipper for Plymouth. It is thought the contents were removed previous to the mails being shipped at New York. Their value is not known.

STAR THEATRE

KITAIN BROTHERS' CONCERT CANCELLED

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the concert to have been given by Robert and Anatole Kitain in the Star Theatre on Thursday, February 23rd, has been cancelled.

A "TOP HEAVY" ADMIRALTY.

HOW MUCH MONEY COULD BE SAVED.

STAFF CUTS URGED.

The second report of the Select Committee on Estimates, which deals with recruitment for the Civil Service and the Navy Estimates, is definite in indicating many directions in which economies can be effected without impairing efficiency.

"Considerable saving," and "substantial reduction" are frequently recurring phrases applied by the Committee to their recommendations.

The recommendations contained in the Committee's first report have been accepted in the main by the Treasury.

Dealing with the Navy Estimates, section by section, the Committee indicate in moderate terms what should prove, if the recommendations are carried out, sweeping economies.

"In 1914," the report points out in connection with the Admiralty Office, "the staff consisted of 1,900 officers and civilians. It is now 3,026. The personnel of the Navy has, in the interval, decreased from 151,000 to 102,275 and the number of ships in commission and reserve from 618 to 394."

The Admiralty Case.

The admiralty case in answer to the disparity was put before the Committee by Sir Oswyn Murray, Permanent Secretary. The claims put forward were (a) that although Navy personnel has been reduced it has become more specialised and sub-divided and therefore more complicated to administer; (b) that while the Navy has fewer ships, each is so much more complex in equipment that the labour which the production and maintenance of the smaller Fleet necessitates is far greater than that entailed by the larger Fleet in 1914. The Admiralty also claimed that the Headquarters Staff in 1914 was inadequate.

The Committee agree that comparison between the 1914 and 1927 figures is misleading, but are of the opinion that "nevertheless substantial reductions can be made without impairing the efficiency of the Navy."

The Naval Staff is "unduly large and elaborate," say the Committee. "It is divided into no less than seven divisions, besides a Tactical section, an Air section, and an Historical section. Your Committee consider that substantial reduction in the present numbers and grading of the Naval Staff could be made by regrouping functions or otherwise, and that this would indirectly lend to important economies elsewhere in the Admiralty."

Supply Departments.

Commenting on the Supply Departments, the Committee think that considerable saving could be materially restricted." They are glad to note that the Admiralty have drawn up a stringent questionnaire "whereby Departments engaged in the production of material have to satisfy the Board before new inventions are installed in existing ships."

Reductions on the Supply side "should also make it possible to reduce the numbers of staff of the Naval Store and Contracts and Purchase Departments," while with a reduced shipbuilding programme the Committee think that a reduction in the various technical departments is possible, especially in the Department of Naval Construction.

In the Department of the Accountant-General the Committee think that, now and periodically a careful investigation should be made into the possibility of reducing the staff by amalgamating some of the numerous branches into which the Department is at present divided."

Owing to a shortage of civilian staff Naval officers were appointed during the War in place of permanent civil servants, who occupied posts of secretaries to the Sea Lords of the Admiralty, and this has continued since the War. The Committee recommend that the pre-War practice should be reverted to on grounds not only of economy, but also of efficiency."

War Medals Staff.

A staff still exists for the issue of prize money and War medals. Arrangements are being made with the Treasury for the prize account work to cease. The Committee consider "that as those who are entitled to War medals for Naval service have now had several years in which to apply for them," a notification should be made that application must be made before a certain date, after which no special staff should be employed to deal with them.

The Committee were glad to learn that expert assistance was being employed at the Admiralty to introduce improved clerical methods. They believed that a saving of staff would result by a continuation and, "if possible, an intensification of this effort."

Concluding, the Committee state that they would have recommended the setting up of a Commission or outside Committee to investigate the Admiralty Office had a Board Committee not been appointed for this purpose. They prefer, now, to await the results of the Board's investigations.

Turning to the question of recruitment for the general Civil Service staff, the Committee's principal recommendation is a return to the pre-war "open competition" system. Since the War almost all vacancies have been filled by limited competition among ex-Service candidates.

"These abnormal arrangements," in the opinion of the Committee, "have involved considerable relaxation of the educational standard required of candidates for admission to the Service, and have also resulted in an abnormal age distribution in the various classes. Thus out of approximately 41,500 members of the clerical group to which recruitment would normally be made by open competition among candidates of the age of 16 to 17, only about 4,300 were under the age of 25."

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Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kwong Ying	Mon., Feb. 20, 4 p.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Feb. 21, noon.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, *Europe via Victoria B.C. and Europe via Siberia	President Jackson	Tues., Feb. 21, Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Victoria, B.C. 12th March.)
Swatow	Fooshing	Tues., Feb. 21, 5 p.m.
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Shanghai	Hupeh	Wed., Feb. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Shansi	Wed., Feb. 22, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	Thurs., Feb. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Hosang	Thus., Feb. 23, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochew	Hai Hong	Fri., Feb. 24, noon.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Sat., Feb. 25, 3.30 p.m.
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Swatow	Kwongsang	Sat., Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Feb. 26, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Thurs., Feb. 28, 1 p.m.
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Sandakan	Hin Sang	Tues., Feb. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Chak Sang	Tues., Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Suwa Maru	Mon., Mar. 5, 10.30 a.m.
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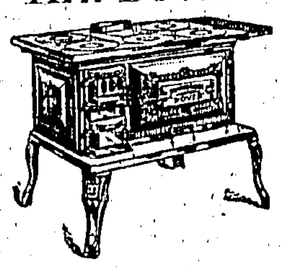

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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

SLIGHT IRRITATIONS MAY DELAY RECOVERY.

VALUE OF COMFORT.

The little discomforts of being sick are sometimes hardest for the patient to bear. Children and curious neighbours who run in and out of the sick-room, creaking rocking-chairs, loose window shades that rattle, conversations just outside the sick-room door, squeaky shoes and sagging bed springs are only a few of the things that are likely to be so annoying as to interfere with the patient's recovery.

Nothing is so irritating to the irritable patient as another person in the bed room as irritable as himself. Worst of all is the too solicitous relative who is always wanting to change the pillow, to fetch a drink of this or of that, to take the temperature, to feel the pulse, to smooth the bed clothes, to bring a book, to read aloud, and what not!

Usually each of these little attentions is prefaced by a question as to the value of similar solicitous attentions in the case of some one else, who by some strange circumstance passed promptly to an untimely end.

Sitting on the Bed.

One of the worst possible practices is for visitors, nurses or others at the bedside to sit on the patient's bed. Any jolting of the inflamed or swollen parts of the body adds to their tenderness.

The handling of a patient in bed is one of the first things to be learned by those who propose to nurse him. In giving the patient something to drink his head should be raised by putting a hand under the pillow on which he lies rather than directly under his neck or his head.

Services for the Sick.

Among the procedures particularly recommended for the patient's comfort before he goes to sleep are the following: Turning the pillows and shaking them, rubbing the back and limbs gently, keep the shades adjusted to prevent annoyance from light, straightening the sheets, keeping the feet warm, and giving a warm drink.

A good suggestion has been made to provide an inexpensive invalid's table for use with a bed-ridden patient at home. It consists merely of a box about two or three feet long. The top and the two ends remain while the bottom and the two sides are removed. A light crate or box such as is used for oranges or vegetables or canned goods thus makes a cheap and light-weight invalid's table.

"TOPSY AND EVA."

BURLESQUE FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

A film which is quite unlike any that we have seen locally for a long time is at present being screened at the Queen's Theatre. This is "Topsy and Eva," in which the Duncan sisters take the principal parts. It is described as a "novelty comedy-drama," and if we add that there is a deal of burlesque also, the description can be taken as correct. Supposedly based on "Uncle Tom's Cabin," it departs very materially from that story, but it is entertaining if rather overdrawn in parts. The humour, which is chiefly brought out by the whimsicalities of "Topsy," greatly amused the audience yesterday, and the children especially greatly enjoyed the film. There is some excellent photography, some of the scenes being most effective.

Much more amusing was the film showing "Felix" on a visit to Toyland, this being very cleverly conceived and produced. A lengthy news reel goes to make up a good all-round programme.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Topics and Trifles.

MOSTLY ABOUT THEATRICAL PERSONALITIES.

Coloured hems are, like spring some day, "a'comin' in," and at a recent ball clever Cicely Courtneidge was wearing such a pretty white satin frock, with a black satin hem about three inches wide. A magpie rose on her shoulder and a little fob of black velvt with a silver end gave just the right touch to this.

Fobs.

Fobs are fashionable in a new way. June one night wore a black frock with a fob hanging from her left shoulder, banded with tiny rows of diamante. Similar narrow bands of diamante, only about an inch wide, sloped, to the number of seven, diagonally on her hip.

New Earrings.

The craze for crystal necklaces has brought all sorts of new earrings into the ears of the pretty women who have little to do but enjoy life. Five crystal beads separated by tiny heads of real jet and swinging from a platinum chain are very popular.

Peggy O'Neil's Turban.

It seems a pity to hide such a pretty head as that of Peggy O'Neil's, but she says she has "fallen good and hard for the turban, day and night." She doesn't however, rest content with turbans of the milliner's designs, but has them only partly swathed with one end left loose. "Thus," she explained during one of her flying visits to London, "I can finish my head-dress off with a dozen different twists and ornaments. It's an economy."

The New Buckle.

Peggy O'Neil also states that most of the really smart women she knows are having buttons or straps of rhinestones on their dancing shoes to match the trimming of their frocks. But for walking shoes, the smartest thing to wear is one of the new wooden buckles.

Buckles.

Buckles are also one of the things to look for at the moment. Quite a lot of very smart girls, like Miss Poppy Baring and Miss Loella Ponsonby, are wearing rather plain coat frocks of angora wool in bright colours, with one large buckle holding a tiny pleat on the hip. A good many of these buckles are in plain dyed wood, or sometimes hand painted with little black silhouette figures.

Nursery Evening Frocks.

Children of pre-war days were delighted and satisfied with one party frock apiece, and were content that hems should be tucked to permit of the process known as "letting down." Nowadays, however, tucks are barred except as trimming, and Miss 1928 Junior would scorn white washing silk with a few embroidered buttercups round the collar. No, gold net, posies of shoulder flowers, delicate, fragile silks all fashion the modern child's party frock, which must be a new one for each season.

Smoking Habit.

CIGARETTES AND SANCTITY.

The women of many American cities have refused to listen to the religious messages of Miss Maude Royden because she smokes cigarettes.

This may be a convincing proof of the high state of the morality of the American women. They may be right in giving thanks that they are not as other women, and refusing to risk contamination by listening to the words of a smoker.

On the other hand, it is difficult to see how a little tabacco can be held to destroy the entire spiritual worth of an individual. The Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy was no less an inspiring padre because he gave cigarettes to the troops along with straight words of spiritual comfort.

It is difficult to please everybody. The parson who stays in his pulpit and preaches does not know the problems and temptations of his flock.

The parson who comes down into the dust and heat, mixes with his people and fights their battles with them is the butt of the straitlaced and stiffnecked. He consorteth with publicans and sinners.

The attitude of the good Christian women of America is certainly not copied from the Founder of their faith.

Tight Collars.

ARE DANGEROUS, SAYS A WOMAN DOCTOR.

Never wear a tight collar or anything tight round the neck—this was the advice given by Dr. Octavia Lewin, lecturing on nasal hygiene at the conference of Health Visitors and School Nurses, which was resumed at King's College, Strand, London, recently.

I was talking to a highly intelligent man the other day, she said, and I congratulated him on the size of his collar. He was very pleased, because he had suffered from the jeering of his colleagues because of the size of his collars. I told him he would not be in the position he was if he wore a tight collar, and that one did not find the great people in the land wearing tight collars. Then he told me his aim was to wear a collar which was large enough for him to get his chin in.

Tight collars, hat elastics, strings, babies' bibs, were all denounced by Dr. Lewin's as dangerous.

Anything tight round the neck creates the need for more air than can be got through the nose, and the mouth is forced open. If you go through the schools and watch the children who have spectacles you will find that an enormous number of eye troubles are caused by nasal obstruction. Five sixths of the cases of deafness are due to mouth breathing and nasal obstruction.

Very feminine is the latest curlette bob from the Paris Hairdressing Exhibition. It features a cascade of little curls from Milady's forehead to the nape of her neck, held in place by a circular ornament of brilliants set in filagree gold.

Fan Industry.

TO BE REVIVED IN BRITAIN.

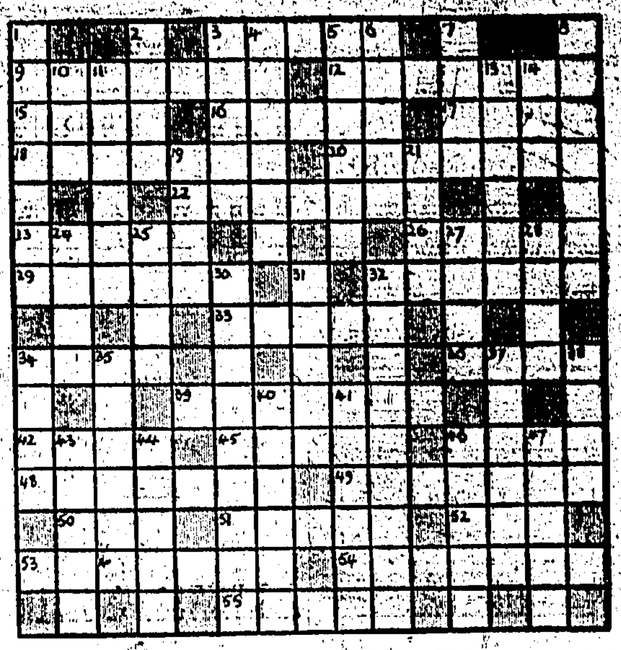
An attempt is to be made by the Worshipful Company of Fan-makers of the City of London to revive the craft of fan-making in England.

At a recent meeting of the court the clerk was instructed to make inquires as to whether the fans carried by women at Court functions are made of British products and by British labour.

Some time ago the guild, which was incorporated in 1709, spent considerable sums in trying, to resuscitate the craft. Exhibitions were held and fans were presented to members of the Royal Family.

At one time the whole trade in Britain was controlled by the guild; but foreign imports have practically

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



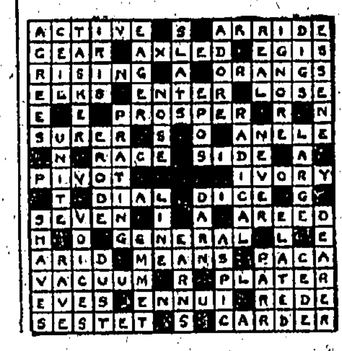
Across.

3 Footwear round the ankles.
9 Aspirant.
12 Clothing.
15 Change direction.
16 Saltpetre.
17 Knowledge.
18 Accompanies.
20 Makers of clothes.
22 Isobaromotric lines.
23 Pertaining to tone.
26 River of oblivion (Greek myth.)
29 Wavered.
32 Stops.
33 Interior.
34 Hut.
36 Hurried.
39 Apparatus for raising an anchor.
42 Oceans.
45 Snow and rain.
46 Similar.
48 Having made and left a will.
49 Corrected.
50 Portuguese coin.
51 Consumed.
52 Snake-like fish.
53 Looking-glasses.
54 Strips.
55 Skein of surgical silk.

Down.

1 Men of learning.
2 Conflagration.
3 Despatches.
4 Jail.
5 Checkered cloth.
6 Pointed weapon.
7 High.
8 Consecrates.
10 Fix.
11 Chinese alloy.
13 Fowls' resting poles.
14 Sin.
19 Egyptian river.
21 Land surrounded by water.
24 Solemn swearing.
25 Old.
27 Organs of hearing.
28 In this place.
30 Mishaps.
31 Aromatical smelling seed bearing plant.
32 Substances obtained from animal fresh.
34 Stop (Scot).
35 Used for rubbing out.
37 Small shallow vessels.
38 Ach.
40 Satisfy.
41 Ship-worm.
43 Uncanny.
44 Excites.
46 Ruminant animal.
47 Dissolves.

Saturday's Puzzle.



IRAQ OIL PACT.

24 PER CENT. SHARE FOR FRANCE.

Paris, Jan. 15.

The announcement of M. Briand yesterday that France had a substantial share in the recently discovered oil wells in Mosul under an agreement which would shortly be signed with Great Britain and the United States has aroused intense interest here. The French share is said to be 23.75 per cent., which, at the estimated rate of production, would amount annually to nearly 900,000 tons, about one-half of France's present imports.

As there is a possibility of still more oil wells being discovered, France is congratulating herself on the fact that in the near future her dependence on the foreigner for this vital product will cease. There are in addition possibilities of France's obtaining concessions in the Russian oil fields during the negotiations which begin in the Spring on the subject of the Russian debt.

Paris and Soviet.

The Mosul arrangement appears, if anything to have given an added impetus to a settlement on this question, though, if the oil wells in Mosul prove sufficient in themselves, there will obviously be no need for concessions from the Soviet. The Ministry of Marine already buys petrol from Russia, and, despite protests, the Government has supported it in this policy.

Some time ago a Bill was introduced to organise a State oil monopoly, but there was no oil. If the Iraq oil wells prove as productive as expected, the Government will be able to fulfill the purpose for which this Bill was introduced and control the whole of the French oil trade.

"LOVERS."

RAMON NOVARRO'S LATEST PICTURE.

Ramon Novarro, the hero of "Ben-Hur," will be here this week in his first film since that mighty drama. The new picture is a romance of modern Spain, "Lovers," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Thursday to Saturday.

"Lovers" is unique in that it has no conventional villain, the place of the villain being taken by the invisible tongues of scandal which blight lives and wreck souls. Novarro is seen as a young playwright, thrown into a sensational scandal with the wife of his best friend—although both are absolutely innocent. This situation is developed with rare dramatic intensity from one climax to another, including a sensational sword duel. Alice Terry, leading woman of "The Four Horsemen," heads a brilliant supporting cast.

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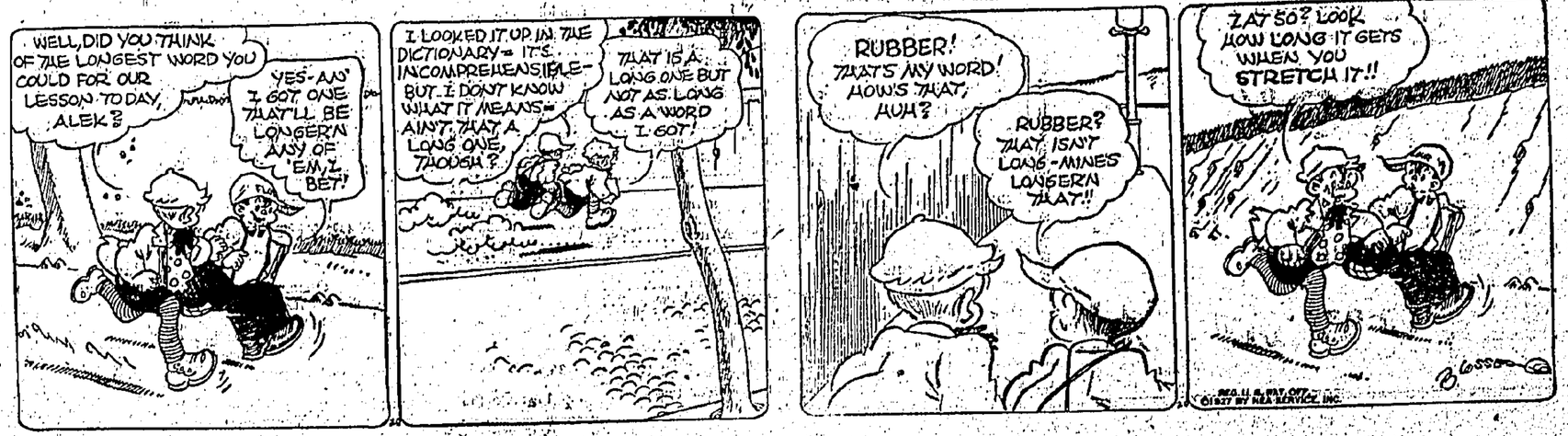

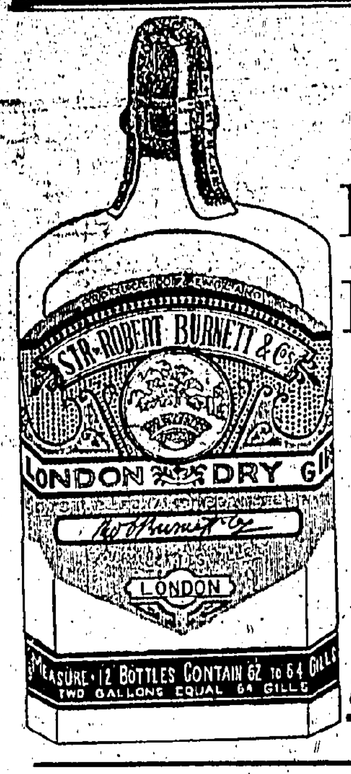

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IN A QUANDARY.

We referred the other day to the desperate state of British agriculture and to the dissatisfaction felt in rural districts because of a belief that the Government had not fulfilled its promises to do what it could to place the industry on a sound and prosperous basis. We revert to the topic again because there have been fresh developments in the situation, and because, also, we are likely to hear a great deal more on the subject whenever the General Election takes place. The National Farmers' Union feels rather bitterly the lack of a policy by the Government which is likely to give agriculture substantial relief, and its President has declared that "the industry to-day is very much worse off than it was when the present Government came into power." He admits the cumulative effect of the list of small measures affecting agriculture which the Government has placed on the Statute Book, but asserts that these petty reforms are no fulfilment of Conservative pledges, with the result that agriculture is as far as ever from being made "an essential balancing element" in the country.

The London *Morning Post*, commenting on the situation, states that the farmers are obviously out of temper with the Government, a mood of which that journal has given frequent and urgent warning. It does not altogether absolve the Department of Agriculture, which, it says, has fallen too much into the habit of making the case of the Government to the farmer, instead of making the case of the farmer to the Government. One of the outcomes of the farmers' angry mood is a proposal by the Council of the Farmers' Union to put up independent agricultural candidates in rural constituencies. Whether this is a wise policy, time will tell, but it is to be doubted whether the farmers would greatly benefit from a party of their own. In this regard the point must not be lost sight of that the country has become so industrialised that the power has largely passed into the hands of the urban voter, and even if these Farmers' Union candidates were able to secure the votes of the bulk of the agricultural labourers, which is doubtful, they would not be likely to form more than a small minority in Parliament. A Party pledged to a policy which it cannot carry alone, must naturally seek for allies, and that being the case, the wiser policy would appear to be the securing of support for agriculture from whichever of the existing big Parties is prepared to promise it. To go hand in hand with one of these Parties in the General Election would probably lead to far more effectual results than to create divisions amongst possible friends.

The Conservative newspapers, or at least some of them, are urging that the Government take a bold course in this matter by openly declaring for Protection, and that that policy be extended to all sources of production. It is submitted that if agriculture and all other productive industries were to combine and agree to a common national policy, there would be a chance for all to make their influence felt. In this way, they say, Bismarck created the German protective tariff. But the Baldwin Government, although convinced of the benefits said to have accrued from such measures of Protection as have already been applied to industry, hesitates to plump for the application of this policy to agriculture, evidently fearing a "Dear Food" cry at the General Election. That is the position at the moment, and it looks as if the Government finds itself in a rather awkward situation through following a negative line of action.

Fixing Easter.

Parliament would be a dull and uninspiring place if all Bills brought before the House were as triflingly controversial as the private Bill which passed the second reading on Friday providing for the stabilisation of Easter, and fixing the festival on the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April. It was made perfectly clear that the British Government does not contemplate anything so confusing as making the measure law until unanimity is reached among the churches and European countries concerned, and Sir Henry Slesser's fears that there might be two Easters, one secular and one religious, were easily disposed of, his rejection amendment being withdrawn. Reformers in Britain have been agitating for such legislation for several years, and the introduction of the Bill to the Commons is the first definite step. Sir Henry Slesser led what slight opposition there was, and the best he could make of the argument was that what was good enough 1,600 years ago was good enough now. We doubt if this learned K. C. argued this point of view seriously. These are days when even if Time still declines to wait for any man, it has been forced to concede something by way of regularisation, and it is of considerable importance that Easter should have less latitude. Schools end their Spring Terms at Easter, and it is somewhat upsetting to educational authorities to find that the Spring term is a month longer in one year than in the next, or vice versa. This, of course, is only one of the many arguments which could be advocated in favour of a fixed date for Easter, in fact, opinion on the matter appears to be so general, we do not doubt that the international conference foreshadowed will have the desired result. It may be noted that the change, if made, will be returning in a way to the system which held vogue in A. D. 325, before the Oecumenical Council made the change at Nicaea. Prior to that, Easter was always celebrated on March 21st, a date which curiously enough is outside the range of Easter based on the vernal equinox. The change may come about in 1929.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Yokohama	1/11.1/16
New York	4.87 9/16
Amsterdam	12.11¼
Stockholm	18.16
Vienna	34.595
Madrid	28.795
Athens	367½
Shanghai	2/6¾
Brussels	35.02
Milan	92.05
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	164½
Lisbon	2.5/16
Rio	5.29/32
Hongkong	2/0¼
Silver (spot)	26½
Silver (forward)	26.3/16

—*British Wireless.*

DAY BY DAY.

A MAN CANNOT POSSESS ANYTHING THAT IS BETTER THAN A GOOD WIFE, OR ANYTHING THAT IS WORSE THAN A BAD ONE.

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A Chinese case of typhoid was reported over the week-end.

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The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on Thursday.

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Chaplain the Rev. H. W. G. Arscott has been appointed to H.M.S. Titania.

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The s.s. Fooshing, arriving from Canton, reports that she was aground for one hour and 40 minutes on the Taimei Bar.

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Charged with being in possession of 214 *po piu* lottery tickets, a Chinese was fined $50, or four weeks' hard labour, by Major C. Willson this morning.

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The silk forwarded from here by the Empress of Asia on the 25th January arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 17th February, having been 23 days in transit.

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At to-morrow's meeting, the Sanitary Board will consider the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the question of the re-adjustment of the rents of market stalls.

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A Chinese, charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with stealing three sheets of corrugated iron from the military camp at Shamshuipo, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

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A P.W.D. coolie has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from abrasion to his right leg, caused through his being knocked down by a Mortuary cart in Possession Street.

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His Excellency the Governor's new launch, Brittania, will take the water from Ah King's Yard at Causeway Bay on Wednesday. This launch has been built by Messrs. Thorneycrofts and the naming ceremony will probably be performed by Miss Clementi.

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Attention is drawn to an advertisement in another column announcing that, owing to unavoidable circumstances, the concert to have been given in the Star Theatre by Robert and Anatole Kitain, violinist, and pianist, on Thursday, February 23rd, has been cancelled.

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At the Theatre Royal to-morrow afternoon, Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, Adjutant of the Royal Air Force Base, Kai Tack, gives an address under the auspices of the general Chamber of Commerce on "The Possibities of Commercial Aviation in the Far East." H. E. the Governor has accepted an invitation to be present.

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This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 12 departures, with British holding best place, leaving 71 vessels in harbour, British 27. Freights were generally low, with only two inward cargoes of four figures, while only eight of the 17 entries registered through. Tonnage was higher than on any day during the past week.

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Following the races on Saturday a horse on its way back to the stable from the race course suddenly bolted near the Wanchai market, creating a panic among the pedestrians. An elderly Chinese, age 60, named Pang Chang, a carpenter, was knocked down and trodden on and sustained injuries which resulted in his death, shortly after his admittance to the Government Civil Hospital.

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Mr. Herbert Whitworth, founder and Managing Director of Herbert Whitworth Ltd. Manchester, has purchased the entire shares of Messrs. Thornber, Ricketts and Turner, his late co-Directors; and has severed his and his firm's connexion with Messrs. Whitworth, Unna, Casson and Co., Ltd., Bradford. Mr. C. D. Wright, Chartered Bank Buildings, Hongkong, will continue to represent the firm of Herbert Whitworth, Ltd., Manchester and Bradford.

DRIZZLE OR MIST PREDICTED.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone is unchanged. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

The forecast up to noon fresh; cloudy, some drizzle or mist. to-morrow is:—North-east winds,

HEAVIER FINES THREATENED.

MORE KEROSENE ON LOCAL JUNKS.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commdr. G. F. Holo, there were further cases heard with reference to the carrying of dangerous goods, and a stern warning was issued to future offenders.

Wong Fat, master of a trading junk of Kat O, was charged with having his boat at anchor in Shaukiwan Bay, with 70 tins of kerosene on board. Defendant pleaded guilty.

His Worship, inflicting a fine of $100, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, remarked that apparently heavy fines were not checking offences of this nature. He announced publicly in the Court, for general information, that similar cases brought before him would result in fines of $150.

So Pang, master of a trading junk of Waichow, was similarly charged in respect of a cargo of 30 tins of kerosene in the Wanchai Junk Anchorage.

The accused pleading guilty, Inspector Brown, in charge of the case, stated that this appeared to be one where leniency might be exercised. The junk was moored within 100 yards of the Dangerous Goods Anchorage and it was possible that the master had offended unwittingly.

His Worship gave the accused the benefit of the doubt, inflicting a fine of $10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

Cheung Muk-shui, master of a cargo boat of Canton, was charged with securing his craft outside five others alongside s.s. Kut Sang and pleading guilty, was fined $5, with the usual alternative.

"OUR GANG" COMICS.

ORIGINATOR ARRIVES IN HONGKONG.

Amongst the passengers arriving in Hongkong to-day by the s.s. President Taft was Mr. Hal Roach, the moving picture producer and the originator of the famous "Our Gang" comedies. Mr. Roach, who is accompanied by his wife, is on a world tour, and he leaves here by the President Taft for Manila.

Other passengers on the boat were:

Mr. C. M. Roberts, of the International Banking Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jensen and daughter. Mr. Jensen is the representatives of the Eli Lilly Co., of Chicago.

Mr. T. A. de Silva, representative of the Portugese Government, with his wife and son.

Mr. C. M. Gee, representative of the National Aniline Chemical Co., of Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt is a prominent merchant of New York and Manila, and is en route to Manila.

Mr. F. R. Maass, Manager and Director of the China Electric Importing Co., of Shanghai.

Lieut. E. E. Stevens, with wife and daughter, en route to U. S. Naval Station at Cavite.

Mr. W. B. Shumaker, wife of Lieut. Shumaker, en route to join her husband at the U.S. Naval Station at Cavite.

The President Taft brought 51 cabin passengers; 101 steerage passengers; 5,700 tons of cargo and 2,600 bags of mail. There are 38 cabin passengers and 98 steerage for Hongkong, as well as 3,600 tons of cargo and 800 bags of mail.

KOWLOON PINE-TREES.

DANGER OF "CATERPILLAR PLAGUE."

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Mr. J. P. Braga will ask the following questions:

1.—Has any report reached the Head of the Sanitary Department of the prevalence in very large numbers of caterpillars among the pine-trees on the hills above Kowloon Tong?

2.—If the answer is in the negative, will the Government cause inquiries to be made to ascertain the fact or otherwise of the existence of such insect pest?

3.—If in the affirmative, will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly ascertain if there is any danger of the pest developing into a "caterpillar plague"?

4.—If such danger is feared, will the Government take immediate and such necessary steps as it may be advised to prevent the spread of this insect pest and ravages resulting therefrom to the risk of the Kowloon hills being denuded of the young pine-trees?

The Very Idea!

"Ever been sick?" the insurance agent asked the applicant.

"No."

"Any disease?"

"No."

"How old was your father when he died?"

"Hundred and four."

"Did he die a natural death?"

"No, he fell off his 'bike going to work."

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Hush-a-bye, baby, pretty one, sleep,
Daddy's gone golfing to win the club sweep.
If he plays nicely—I hope that he will—
Mother will show him her dressmaker's bill.
Hush-a-bye, baby, safe in your cot,
Daddy's come home and his temper is hot;
Cuddle down closer, baby of mine,
Daddy went round in a hundred and nine.

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A catch of 200 rats in one night is the claim put forward for a new trap invented by the Rat Officer for Fulham (London). The officer told a committee of Fulham Borough Council recently that the trap had been adopted by the Ministry of Health for the whole of London. The device was a rope stretched over a dustbin full of water, which induced the rats to perform "A Blondin act," but when they were nearly across another device caused them to over-balance into the water.

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Wife, at Old-street: I cooked a steak for dinner on Saturday, and when my husband came home he rubbed my face with it.

Shoreditch debtor: If he had acted honest to me he would never have lent me this money and got me into this trouble.

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch: I hope to go to Golders Green some day—but not to live.

Haggerston woman: My neighbour has never been known to refuse a drink—or to stand one.

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Little Mary, who had fallen ill, begged for a kitten.

It was found that an operation was necessary for the child's cure, and that she must go to the hospital. The mother promised that if she would be very brave she would have the very finest kitten to be found. As Mary was recovering from the influence of the anæsthetic the nurse heard her muttering:—"It's a rotten way to get a cat."

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Comparing old days with to-day in relation to fashions in cricket clothing, Sir Edward Stockton, at Bradford, recently, told this story.

In an Old Trafford match, on a scorching day, a player bowling in a closely-fitting sweater, and perspiring freely, was asked, "Why don't you take your sweater off?"

He replied meekly, "I'd 'a tecken it off long sin', but I've nowt on underneath."

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The famous financial magnate was expatiating on the importance of honesty in business.

"Yes," he said, addressing a little coterie of admirers at his club, "when first I embarked on a business career, I took for my motto, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

It was a small man at the back of the crowd who spoke, "You believe, then," he said, "in good backing, sir!"

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Oxford is one of the great treasures of the world.—Sir Michael Sadler.

Betting on greyhounds is inconceivably small.—Major-General J. E. B. Seely.

I suggest that it is good management to pay high wages.—Mr. Seebohm Rowntree.

There are many "pulls" the town-bred kid has over his country cousin.—Sir Ian Hamilton.

The best evidence of good faith the employers can offer would be the reinstatement of the whole of the men victimised after the 1926 general strike.—Mr. Ernest Bevin.

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A tax collector's office at Poitiers (France) recently granted eight day's time to a taxpayer, who died nine years ago, to pay the sum of 1 franc 73 centimes (about 3½d. at the present rate of Exchange). The dead man (who was an officer, killed at the front in 1918) was also notified that unless he paid the sum within the time stipulated judicial action would be taken against him, and his property might be seized. Having found that the officer was no longer at Poitiers, a tax collector made all sorts of inquiries, which lasted several years, with a view to discovering the officer's new address. When the tax office obtained the address at Vincennes of a relative of the dead officer it sent the final notice there.

GRIM TRAGEDY AT LAICHIKOK.

SIKH CHARGED WITH MURDER OF FELLOW-WATCHMAN.

FORMALLY REMANDED.

Arrested in connexion with the grim tragedy at Laichikok on Saturday night when an Indian watchman named Jitta Singh was found dead, the victim of an attack with a chopper and said to have been almost decapitated, another Sikh watchman, Saudagar Singh, was in the dock at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a formal charge of murder was preferred against him by the Police.

Inspector Fallon applied, after evidence of arrest had been taken, for a remand for a week, the application being granted by Mr. W. Schofield. The prisoner is to be detained in Police custody.

The victim of the alleged attack, Jitta Singh, was employed at the Standard Oil Company's installation at Laichikok, and his body was found by the head-watchman in the early hours of yesterday morning, lying in front of the employees' quarters.

A number of wounds in the head, which it is practically certain, were inflicted with a chopper, told their own terrible story, but up to the present the precise time of the alleged murder is not known, other than that it took place late on Saturday night, or in the early hours of the morning yesterday.

The attack was a most brutal one, and one for which the Police appear to be at a loss at the moment to discover a motive. Saudagar Singh was detained in connexion with the crime soon after Police enquiries were commenced.

The facts as known at present consist in the failure of the deceased to take his turn of duty at the installation at midnight on Saturday, the discovery that he was not in his quarters, and the subsequent finding of the body of the missing man by Fouja Singh, the head watchman.

Life was found to be extinct, and the injuries which had been inflicted, of a most severe nature, gave the impression that a chopper or axe had been used by the assailant.

Arrested at Station.

The man now detained in connexion with the crime was arrested by the Police at the Kowloon railway station yesterday. It is learned that the man was formerly employed in a similar capacity in Canton and that he was transferred to Hongkong in September of last year.

No motive for the crime has yet been established. One theory put forward is that it was the outcome of a drunken brawl. On the other hand it has been suggested in some quarters that the fatal blows were struck because the murdered man was on bad terms with someone at the installation.

One story which was current yesterday was to the effect that there was some dispute over a girl. It is alleged that one Indian was seen speaking to a girl and that some of his associates decided to admonish him as the question of caste was involved. The allegation is continued that the admonition went considerably further and that the fatal ending was a direct result of the alleged dispute.

Police are conducting close inquiries among the watchmen at Laichikok.

THE DEFENCE CORPS.

CHANGES IN SCOTTISH CO. ORDERS.

The following revised orders for the Scottish Co. of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps have been issued under to-day's date:

Sunday, 26th February.—The triangular shoot against 2nd Batt'n H. M. Scots Guards and 2nd Batt'n K. O. S. B. is postponed until Sunday 18th March, and following substituted:

Sunday 26th February: Musketry, part 1.—The Scottish Company will fire Part 1, Table T, at Stonecutter's Range on Sunday, 26th February. Range officer, Captain K. S. Morrison. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. Dress:—Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn. Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 24th February, between 9 a.m. and noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 25th February, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sunday, 4th March.—The Company will not shoot Part 1 on this date.

CANTON ARMY COMMANDS.

RIVAL LEADERS FOR HIGH POSITIONS.

STILL IN DISPUTE.

With the return from East River districts of troops responsible for driving the "Ironsides" from the eastern part of the province, the question has arisen in Canton as to whether the leaders of these men will be given high positions in the Canton Army.

Some time ago General Li Chai-sum declared that he intended to appoint new Generals as heads of the 4th and 5th Armies. Mr. Tang Yin-wah was named as a possible candidate, for the 5th Army, but so far he has not actually taken up the post. On the other hand, Generals Chan Chai-tong and Chu Ching-tang, two of the most faithful subordinates of General Li Chai-sum, seem to be quite eager to become head of the 4th Army.

General Chan Chai-tong has been in the Army in Canton with General Li Chai-sum for a much longer period than General Chu Ching-tang as the latter only joined General Li when the latter was leader of the 1st Division of the Kwangtung troops. At present the number of units in Chu Ching-tang's Army is greater than that of his rival, Chan Chai-tong. The latter's Army fought the biggest battle with the "Ironsides" recently on the East River, in the Chaochow district, resulting in a large percentage of the troops of General Chan being killed. On the other hand, Chu Ching-tang's Army is said to have gained considerably during the recent battles with the "Ironsides" from whom General Chu states that he captured eight thousand rifles and other weapons and took a few thousand "Ironside" soldiers as prisoners.

Popular reports from Canton, however, declare that General Li may place Chan Chai-tong at the head of the 5th Army and make Chu Ching-tang Chief of the 4th Army. As the troops belonging to the 4th Army are reputed to be better fighters than the men in the 5th Army, it is doubted whether Chan Chai-tong will accept the minor position in the 5th Army.

ACCIDENT TO MOTOR CYCLIST.

EUROPEAN WARDER BADLY INJURED.

Mr. H. Barrett, a European warder, employed at the Laichikok Prison, was involved in a serious motor accident which occurred yesterday afternoon on the Castle Peak Road.

Mr. Barrett was riding a motor-cycle combination and carrying another warder as passenger when the accident happened. The cause of the spill is not known at the moment, as, so far, no definite account of what took place is obtainable and the Traffic Department has received no report of the occurrence. Enquiries show that, after the accident, a Chinese gentleman came upon the unfortunate warder and carried him in his motor-car to the Kowloon Hospital. Mr. Barrett was later removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The injuries sustained by Mr. Barrett are of a serious nature. In addition to abrasions on his arms, legs and face, his left hip is believed to have been dislocated. The latest report from the Hospital is to the effect that the warder is still in a serious condition.

BANISHEE'S RETURN.

GETS TWO-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE.

Li Fuk-sang, *alias* Chan Fuk-sang, was sentenced to two years' hard labour at the Criminal Sessions to-day when he pleaded guilty to a charge of returning from banishment.

Prisoner was banished from the Straits Settlements in 1916, for life, and when he came to Hongkong was banished from here. From that time until October, 1927, there was no record of his movements, but he returned to Hongkong last year and was sentenced to two months' hard labour for larceny. At the expiration of his sentence he was again banished for life. He came back almost immediately, being found in Hongkong again in January.

Chateau D'Oex, Jan. 23.—For the second handicap of the figure-skating competition at Suvretta House, St. Moritz, last week skaters braved the elements, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, gained the first prize in the Seniors and the Hon. Michael Cecil the first in the Juniors. The judges were Captain and Mrs. Richardson.

"RED'S" PROPERTY CONFISCATED.

CANTON GOVERNMENT EDICT.

MOVE AGAINST KUOMINTANG LEFTISTS.

MORE EXECUTIONS.

A Canton edict issued on Friday states that in accordance with a decision of the Government, reached at the 78th session of the Canton Political Council, all the Canton properties of Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Kam Nai-kwong, Chan Kung-poh, Chan Shu-yan, Mrs. Liao Chung-kai and Generals Chang Fat-kwei and Wang Ki-cheung are to be confiscated.

This decision was taken on the ground that these former high officials of the "Ironside" regime are known to be Communistic in their tendencies and that their support of Communist labourers led to the December Communist massacres and incendiarism in the city. The edict is another indication of the strong attitude which the Kyangsi leaders in Canton show against the members of the Left Wing of the Kuomintang Party.

More "Reds" Executed.

Of four Communist suspects arrested and executed in Canton on Thursday, it is known that three were former students and graduates of the Whampoa Cadet College. All the four confessed that they were Communists.

On the same afternoon two "Red" labour intimidators were executed by the Garrison troops, together with five Arms smugglers.

Seditious Pamphlets.

A Communist who was seen distributing leaflets was taken into custody by the police on Friday afternoon, and in his possession were found more than a thousand seditious pamphlets. The man confessed that he joined the Communist Party in Canton last June and that he took part in the December coup. He has been sentenced to death.

Lest Canton people may forget the disturbances created by Communists" as a result of the anti-"Red" campaign last April and during the December reign of terror, the Government has decided that a memorial structure be erected in the city to preserve the memory of the soldiers of the Canton Army who perished during the troubles.

Canton Arsenal.

Work at the Shekchang Arsenal, in the suburbs of Canton will soon be resumed, following the receipt by the Government of a petition by the General Mechanics' Association of China which, in its appeal to the authorities states that as a result of the suspension of work, hundreds of mechanics have been thrown out of employment.

The unemployed workers, says the petition, are Moderate labourers who assisted the Government, during the December coup, in driving the "Reds" out of the city.

JUROR'S ABSENCE.

EXPLAINED BY SERIOUS ILLNESS.

After the jury had been empanelled at the Criminal Sessions this morning the Puisne Judge said he desired to make a statement with regard to Mr. Barretto, one of the jurors whose name was called before him on Friday, and who did not appear.

His Lordship said he had ascertained, on inquiry, that Mr. Barretto was seriously ill and had been so for some months, and it was entirely out of the question that he should attempt to serve on a jury. His absence had, therefore, been satisfactorily explained.

Paris, Jan. 19.—A French bank clerk named Delrue slipped on something and fell into the gutter the other evening. He discovered that he had slipped on a big necklace, which he took home for the children to play with. Yesterday, however, he read in the newspaper that a certain Madame Blanche Gros had lost a string of pearls valued at 100,000 francs (£800). He hurried home and found to his relief that his children had not lost the necklace, which he took to Madame Gros. She recognised the pearls as her own. The lucky bank clerk is now 7,500 francs (£60) the richer for his accident.

UNEASINESS AT FOOCHOW.

PART OF AMERICAN COLLEGE BURNED DOWN.

MORE INCENDIARISM?

Foochow, Feb. 14.

Banditry in the country seems to be almost as bad as ever, and even in Foochow itself there appear to be many reasons for anxiety.

The latest sensation is the burning down of the larger part of the main dormitory building in Foochow College, the big American Board Mission School for boys, inside the walled city. This took place about 7 p.m. on Sunday, during heavy rain.

The fire began in the attic, and as the building was locked, it had gained great headway before anything could be done. Fortunately, no-one was injured, and the fire was confined to the building.

As in the case of the fire at Trinity College on January 2nd, while circumstances point to incendiarism, no clue of any kind has been discovered. Doubtless, Scotland Yard could clear up the mystery in a few hours, but in this country there are "wheels within wheels."

Church Synod.

The annual meeting of the Anglican Diocesan Synod has just come to a close. The meetings were held in Trinity College, and, considering the state of the country, there was a very good attendance of up-country delegates. On Saturday, an ordination service took place in Christ Church Cathedral, when three priests and two deacons were ordained. It was quite inspiring to see the procession of about forty clergy (all but seven or eight of them being Chinese) moving up the aisle. The sermon was preached by Bishop Ding Ing-ong.

The atmosphere of the Synod was, on the whole, full of courage and hope. Unparalleled difficulties, persecution and hostility from outside seem to have only deepened the faith and hardened the wills of these Chinese Christian leaders, who have now dispersed for another year of work in their various spheres.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

WEEK-END YACHTING.

FIRST "MATCHBOX" EVENT.

The first of the "Matchbox" series of races for "Y" Class yachts as held on Saturday, the course being:

Liner off Holts' Wharf (P), mark on line (P), Cust Rock Buoy (P), and liner off Holts' Wharf.

The results were as follows:—

		Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Lolo ("Y" 9),	1st	3.48.57	3.46.05
Adele ("Y" 5),	2nd	3.47.05	3.47.05
Boojum ("Y" 4), 3rd		3.47.24	3.47.24
Bluenose ("Y" 3), 4th		3.47.51	3.47.51
Wings ("Y" 2),	5th	3.49.29	3.49.29
Zephyr ("Y" 8)	6th	3.53.06	3.49.03½
Why Wonder ("Y" 1),	7th	3.50.08	3.50.08

Cruiser Championship.

The fifth championship race for both classes was held yesterday, Sunday, the course for "E" Class being one of the most interesting for the season, namely, around Hongkong Island (starboard). The results were as follows:—

	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Norseman, 1st	4.59.34	4.07.34
U and I, 2nd	4.36.00	4.12.00
La Cigale, 3rd	4.12.05	4.12.05
Queen Bee, 4th	5.16.46	4.14.45
Typhoon 5th	5.18.08	4.22.30
Curlew, 6th	5.44.25	4.44.25

"C" Class.

For "C" Class cruisers over the course—Tathong Rock (P), Mark on Line (S), Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P)—the results were as follows:—

	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Imogen, 1st	3.48.36	3.25.16
Helen, 2nd	3.39.43	3.36.20
Snipe, 3rd	3.41.55	3.41.55

Western Australia's wine returns for last season show that the total vintage was 291,951 gallons, which was greater by 52,225 gallons than the previous year's yield and constituted a record. In 1922 the State produced only 152,000 gallons, so that it will be seen that the output has been practically doubled in five years.

Mr. Mark Gunn, one of the celebrated Brighton twins, who only on Jan. 15 celebrated their 95th birthday, has died. He had been in the Infirmary for some months with bronchitis, but his death was unexpected. His brother, Matthew, a hale and hearty old man, looking 20 years younger than his age, is greatly upset by his brother's death.

SHOOTING AFFRAY SEQUEL.

ANOTHER MAN CHARGED AS CONCERNED.

DENIAL OF SHOOTING.

Another of the men arrested during the affray between police and armed robbers in the early morning of December 7 appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Named Chu Chi-chuen he is charged with committing a robbery, with others, at a restaurant carrying on business at 150 Queen's Road West, with shooting at a Chinese constable with intent to maim, disfigure or disable him and to evade arrest, and with being in possession of a pistol and five rounds of ammunition without a licence or lawful authority.

It was after the robbery at the restaurant that the robbers met the police search patrol. The robbers resisted, shots were fired, Sergt. McMahon and other police being wounded, and two Chinese police dying as the result of their wounds. Of the two men arrested, one has already been sentenced to death having been found guilty of the murder of a police searcher at the Yaumati ferry wharf, while running away from the combat.

The following jury was empanelled. Mr. C. D. Wales (foreman), Mr. W. G. Stone, Mr. D. Forbes, Mr. F. Ortlepp, Mr. J. C. de Souza, Mr. C. A. dos Remedios, and Mr Leong Yu-sang.

Threatened With Revolver.

Mr. Fitzroy explained that the Crown allegation with regard to the robbery was that prisoner took a part in the intimidation of the victims.

Mr. Fitzroy detailed the events which occurred in the restaurant, and said that from the safe, the men took the sum of $180 and from the till, some $50. They also took a long coat, which was hanging on the wall.

Fired at Police.

With regard to the second count, Mr. Fitzroy said the robbers were stopped by a police picket, in the charge of Sergt. McMahon, after leaving the restaurant, and the prisoner tried to run away. An Indian constable threw his arms round the prisoner who then drew a revolver, and fired at a Chinese constable, named Lui Tung, who was running across the street to assist the Indian. Apparently the shot did not take effect.

The revolver was wrested from the prisoner and, later was found to contain four live rounds and one expended round.

At the Magistracy the prisoner made a statement to the effect that he was handed a revolver and accompanied the others to the restaurant. After eating, the prisoner went outside, but was brought back by one of the others. They produced guns, tied the people up, and opened the safe. "I used to be a respectable business man dealing in medicine, clocks and watches."

Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that the prisoner admitted he was present when the robbery took place and that he had a gun handed to him.

Prisoner's Denial.

Mr. Fitzroy added that another part of the prisoner's statement read to the effect that, arriving at the fruit market on the way home, three or four constables demanded to search him, and told him to put up his hands. They put their arms round him (prisoner) and took his gun away. He alleged that another of the men fired the shot at a Chinese constable.

When charged the prisoner said he was handed a gun and taken to the restaurant, where he was told he must rob, and not be afraid. It was the man in the long coat, who fired the shot.

The case is proceeding.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. *Who was the famous Danish writer of fairy stories, and what was his hobby?*
2. *What is Colonel Lindbergh's latest flying success?*
3. *What is a faldstool?*
4. *Which notes in the musical scale are known as the mediant, submediant, dominant?*
5. *For whom did Euclid prepare his famous text-book?*
6. *What is a gavotte?*
7. *Give the meaning of the term "free-hold."*
8. *What were the "langue d'oc" and the "langue d'oil"?*
9. *Where are the headquarters of the Foreign Legion?*
10. *How is a hot fomentation for the relief of pain made?*
11. *Which is the largest British moth?*
12. *What is an eponym?*

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THE RIFLE LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES AT TAIKOO.

At Taikoo Range yesterday morning, H.M.S. Argus and Taikoo Rifle Club had a friendly shoot, and both shot off their League fixture with the 1st Bn. Queens Royal Regiment at the same time.

The result was a double win for H.M.S. Argus and a win for the Queen's. Scores:

H.M.S. Argus.

	200	500	600	Tot.
Mne. Hartnell	31	33	27	91
Lt. Bassett	30	31	30	91
Mr. Nash	32	28	23	83
F/Sgt. Hook	26	30	27	83
Mr. Barbor	33	33	31	97
Cpl. Willott	30	30	30	90
L/Tel Wilkins	32	32	29	93
Mne. Reeves	26	33	24	83
Total	240	250	221	711
Plus 4% For Open Sights				21
Grand Total				732

Queen's Regiment.

Lt. Sullivan	29	28	27	84
C. S. M. Hartridge	26	25	22	73
Sgt. Hanscombe	35	33	30	98
C. S. M. Marchant	24	30	25	79
Sgt. Wadey	31	28	29	88
Pte. Leahy	20	28	24	72
Pte. Hutchins	32	31	27	90
Pte. Keen	27	30	30	87
Totals	224	233	214	671
Plus 4% For Open Sights				26
Grand Total				697

Taikoo Rifle Club.

Mr. Cunningham	14	18	18	50
Mr. Maxwell	32	31	28	91
Mr. McIndoe	27	33	27	87
Mr. McLennan	22	32	27	87
Mr. Summers	31	32	27	92
Mr. Swan	32	34	33	99
Mr. M. H. Wallace	27	27	28	82
Mr. Walmsley	31	31	28	90
Totals	216	238	218	672
Plus 4% For Open Sights				2
Grand Total				674

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SHIELD HOLDERS TRIUMPH.

CHINESE ATHLETIC'S RECORD GONE.

R. A. GIVE GUARDS REASON FOR CONTEMPLATION.

KOWLOON DO WELL.

[By "Wanderer."]

After four and a half months' football without experiencing defeat, the Chinese Athletic were eliminated from the Senior Shield Competition on Saturday, the holders, the K.O.S.B., bringing off the unexpected in a first round replay. The other re-play resulted in a win for the Police against the Club de Recreio, the Police qualifying to meet the Queen's Royal Regiment in the second round on Wednesday. The K.O.S.B. will also be engaged in the second round on Wednesday, the H.K.F.C. providing the opposition.

Also on Saturday, the Royal Artillery and Kowloon qualified for the semi-final of the competition, the former bringing off a capital performance in disposing of the Scots Guards. It looks very much as though Kowloon will be the only civilian representatives in the semi-final, as the K.O.S.B. and the Queen's look likely starters for the matches on Wednesday.

In the Junior Shield Competition, the penultimate stage was also reached without necessity for replays or extra time. The two dark horses, the Queen's and the Scots Guards, were knocked out, and the four remaining clubs are those which occupy the four leading positions in the Junior Division "A." Closer running to form could scarcely be anticipated.

The match between Kowloon and the R.A.F. in which Kowloon secured a notable victory, was also played as a league match, Kowloon thus securing two points in addition to qualifying for the next round of the Senior Shield Competition.

The full results are appended:

SENIOR SHIELD.

First Round Re-plays.

K. O. S. Bs.	2	China Ath.	1
Police	1	Recreio	0

Second Round.

Kowloon	2	R. A. F.	0
Guards	0	R. A.	1

Junior Shield.

Kowloon	1	Guards	0
China Ath.	5	S. China "A"	1
K. O. S. Bs.	7	Recreio	0
Queen's	0	St. Joseph's "A"	3

Junior Division "B".

China Ath.	2	Kowloon	0

FALL OF CHINESE ATHLETIC.

Two Borderers' Goals in First Half.

If the K.O.S.B. forwards continue to play as meritoriously as they did in the first half against the Chinese Athletic on Saturday, I shall have to radically change my views concerning their qualities. With a cool and confident half back line rendering them adequate support, there were occasions when they made the Athletic defence look very small fry. Twice they scored goals, the second coming within three minutes of the first, but that the Athletic were not more heavily in arrears at the intervals is to the credit of Pau Ka-ping, who saved shots from all angles in great style.

The Borderers forwards impressed in various ways. Nothing was thrown away, a pass was never made without a definite purpose, and always with precision, and yet withal speed was never allowed to suffer. A quick moving line was always a source of danger, more particularly as the players rarely made the mistake of hanging on too long.

On the other hand, the Chinese forwards, disorganised by the absence of Wong Pak-chong, and with Suen Kam-shun unable to hold the line together, were never allowed to settle down in the first half. Suen worked hard, but failed to keep in position, while he was always beaten for a high ball by the energetic Davey.

Davey was the dominating factor in the K.O.S.B. success. He was here, there and everywhere, checking a Chinese attack, or following up in the hope of rendering constructive assistance. On either side of him, Skiggs and Everest were in fine fettle against the nippy Chinese wingers, and came out of the many interesting duels with extreme credit, their success being largely attributable to excellent anticipation.

After the interval for twenty minutes, was seen a different phase of the game. It was somewhat surprising after their early subjection to see the Chinese suddenly blossom into a very efficient attacking force. Lee Wai-koon's bright individualism seemed to lend spirit to the whole side and the K.O.S.B. were seriously tested.

The goal fell within ten minutes of the restart, Lau Mau accepting a pass from the right wing and heading past McDougal. The goalkeeper made no attempt to save, though he appeared to have a distinct chance. In the course of the next ten minutes, Suen Kam-shun, Lau Mau and Lee Wai-koon all had presentation goals, but the nearest approach was a terrific shot by the last-mentioned which struck the cross-bar.

Gradually the K.O.S.B. defence which had proved shaky in face of the Chinese rejuvenation, re-assumed a grip of the game, and it was evident that only a surprise effort would enable the Chinese to draw level. The Borderers attacked hotly in the closing stages without meeting further success.

The first goal for the Borderers was in the nature of a gift. Pau ran out to gather the ball when he was tackled by Pte. Alexander, the lively left-winger and the most dangerous raider. Pau fell, dropping the ball, which rolled into the middle of the goalmouth for Toal to run in and place into a vacant net. Three minutes later a beautiful cross pass by Alexander, was met by Campbell on the run and sent crashing into the net, giving Pau no possible chance.

When the game had been in progress for ten minutes it seemed that the promises of a keen duel would be unfulfilled, but there was no mistaking the quality of the tussle afterwards. One may be sure the Chinese were not giving up their cherished record without a real struggle, while the K.O.S.B. players rose to the occasion in brilliant fashion, every man being on his toes from the first whistle to the last. The half-backs by the keenness with which they tackled and cool judgment in their transfers, laid the foundation for a well-merited victory, while the forwards gave a classy exhibition. Stock and McGlinchey foraged to good purpose, while Toal led the line in great style, distributing the ball with rare judgment and always exerting pressure on the backs. The wingers were dangerous raiders, middling the ball accurately, and never missing an opportunity of cutting in.

Wong Shui-wa stood out in the Chinese defence, but both Lam Yuk-ying and Leung Yuk-tong partnered him well. The forwards were impressive only during the twenty minutes' spell in the second half, and then Lee Wai-koon was the principal figure. Suen Kam-shun put in several capital shots, and he placed the ball to his wingers efficiently. Unfortunately, however, for his side, he was unable to keep pace with them when they were on the move.

KOWLOON'S TRIUMPH.

Northey Scores Twice Against R.A.F.

Kowloon played with enthusiasm and no little forward skill in their second round Shield tie against the R.A.F. and they thoroughly deserved their success. With Sims once more in the team they are decidedly a side to be reckoned with, Northey's introduction at centre-forward having remedied their one previous weakness.

It was not long after the game had started before Miles, carrying on from a pass by Muir, slipped the ball neatly to Northey, the latter running in and defeating Avery with a capital shot.

From that time on, Kowloon exhibited a dash and spirit which boded ill for the R.A.F. pretentions for Shield honours. The R.A.F. wingers occasionally led dangerous raids on the Kowloon goal, but Vernon's energy in the centre gave little discomfort to Wheeler and Dodshon.

Generally speaking, Sims had the R.A.F. centre-forward well in hand. Hedley and McKelvie also played well, and the honours of the game were chiefly Kowloon's, though the R.A.F. contested the issue in good spirit.

Angus made two great saves in the second half, but Northey made the game safe for the home team with a great solo burst which resulted in a capital goal. Kowloon pressed hard towards the end without adding to their score.

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R.A. SURPRISE.

Scots Guards Eliminated.

The surprise of the round was the defeat of the Scots Guards by the Royal Artillery. One goal decided the issue, the scorer being Pulford.

The R.A. gave a capital display in a typical Cup-tie fight, and they preserved their team balance when the Guards were inclined to sheer kick-and-rush tactics.

Leach played one of his best games, and Jackson was given a hot time in the Guards' goal. Pulford defeated him in the second half after many easier opportunities had been saved or had been placed wide of the mark.

Towards the end, the Guards put on severe pressure endeavouring to equalise by a massed attack. There was a grim struggle round the R.A. goalmouth and eventually the ball was forced through. Mr. Smith declined to allow the point because of an infringement against the goal-keeper.

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THE RECREIO OUT.

Another One Goal Win.

The Police defeated the Club de Recreio in the replayed Shield tie by one goal to nil. It was an uninteresting game, the Police fully deserving their success.

The Recreio were only a shadow of their former selves and gave an unimpressive display, the defence being erratic and the forwards a shade inferior. The Police failed to score a further goal chiefly because of their own inefficiency in the region of the goal. Gosano once or twice came very close with capital efforts, but even he seemed to be affected by the apathy which appeared to be on the whole side and his play showed marked deterioration on his usual performance. Hudson netted for the Police in the second half.

The Junior Shield.

A penalty goal enabled Kowloon Reserves to eliminate the Scots Guards Reserves. A much bigger side, the Guards tried to force a win by exerting their weight, but met with no success against a nippy defence.

The K.O.S.B. Reserves played casually against the Recreio Reserves and piled on seven goals without response.

The Chinese Athletic gave South China "A" little opportunity of bringing off a surprise, scoring two goals in the first half, and adding two further points before the South China team secured a goal in mitigation.

St. Joseph's are to be congratulated on a 3-0 victory against the Queen's Reserves. They won because of marked superiority in marksmanship, the game being closely contested, with the Queen's holding the upper hand for a good proportion of the match.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The Hongkong League tables to date, are appended:

FIRST DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Against	Pts.
Chinese Ath.	18	11	2	0	38	8	24
Scots Guards	16	8	6	2	26	13	22
R. A.	16	9	2	5	24	19	20
K. O. S. B.	16	7	5	3	27	12	19
Queen's Regt	16	7	2	6	40	25	16
R. A. F.	16	4	5	9	23	25	12
Recreio	11	5	2	4	17	19	12
Kowloon	13	4	3	6	15	24	11
H. K. Club	16	4	3	9	20	36	11
South China	17	3	4	10	16	35	10
Police	14	2	2	10	5	23	6

Junior "A" Division.

K. O. S. B.	16	15	1	0	60	8	31
St. Josephs	16	12	1	3	40	19	27
Chinese Ath.	16	9	2	5	33	16	20
Kowloon	15	7	2	6	24	21	16
S. China "B"	16	6	4	6	15	21	16
R. A.	15	7	0	8	15	20	14
University	17	3	4	10	16	34	10
Recreio	14	2	3	8	17	34	7
S. China "A"	15	3	1	11	13	45	7
H. K. Club	13	1	0	11	7	21	2

Junior "B" Division.

Chinese Ath.	14	12	2	0	48	12	26
Kung Woo	14	10	2	2	33	10	22
S. China "B"	14	7	2	5	24	23	16
S. China "A"	14	7	1	6	27	22	15
St. Josephs	13	5	4	4	27	23	14
Moslem	14	4	1	9	18	30	9
Kowloon "B"	13	2	1	10	13	42	5
Boy Scouts	14	1	1	12	12	44	3

LADIES' GOLF.

A FANLING BOGEY COMPETITION.

On Friday last, a Bogey Competition was held on the New Course, Fanling, for a prize kindly presented by Mrs. F. M. Crawford. It was won by Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, with a score of 2 up.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF $50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of $50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 25th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of $25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of $25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 25th:—

DIVISION I.

Blackburn	v	Tottenham.
Bolton	v	Huddersfield.
Everton	v	Liverpool.
Wednesday	v	Newcastle.

DIVISION II.

Clapton O.	v	Stoke.
Manchester	v	Preston.
Sth. Shields	v	Barnsley.

DIVISION III.

Brighton	v	Northampton.
Rochdale	v	Chesterfield.
Walsall	v	Swindon.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Bo'ness	v	Airdrie.
Queen's Park	v	Kilmarnock.

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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

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Brighton	v.	Northampton.
Rochdale	v.	Chesterfield.
Walsall	v.	Swindon.
Bo'ness	v.	Airdrie.
Queen's Park	v.	Kilmarnock.

Paris, Jan. 23.—Two passengers were burned to death yesterday afternoon in an accident to a French commercial machine on the Perpignan-Casablanca line. For some unknown reason the plane caught fire while flying near Tarragona, in Spain. The pilot, although badly hurnt, was not killed.

In this age, leap year is as unnecessary as mistletoe.

L.R.C. MEETING.

PAST SEASON UNDER ANNUAL REVIEW.

Mrs. Russell Brown, who has been chairman of the Ladies' Recreation Club for three years and who is retiring from that position, was the recipient of a present as a token of appreciation at the annual meeting of the Club, which was held at the Helena May Institute on Saturday morning.

The present took the form of a blue enamel and gold toilet mirror and a bottle of scent suitable for a handbag, and the presentation was made by Mrs. Craig, the hon. secretary, on behalf of the committee. Warm tributes were paid to the work Mrs. Russell-Brown had done on behalf of the Club, and in replying, Mrs. Russell-Brown said she had enjoyed every year she had spent with them.

It was announced that Mrs. Hancock had accepted the invitation to take over the chairmanship.

Annual Report.

A summary of the annual report follows:

It was decided that, as funds for extensive repairs to the hard Courts were required, a charge for teas of 20 cents per head for members should be made.

It was also decided that, owing to the limited number of recreation grounds available for the troops in the Colony, the use of the hard courts should be offered to the officers for morning play.

During the year the following resigned: Mrs. Cock, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Comrie, and Mrs. Remington. Mrs. James and Mrs. Davenport-Browne were elected on the Committee. Mrs. Craig was elected Hon. Secretary in April in place of Mrs. Tottenham who resigned, and Mrs. Adams, having returned to the Colony, took over the Hon. Treasurership from Mrs. Comrie in April, the latter having acted in her absence.

The following were elected to the General Committee, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Whyte Smith who took the places of Mrs. Hickling (on leave) and Mrs. Henderson, who resigned, the latter having taken the place of Mrs. James who was elected on the General Committee.

The following members acted on the Grounds Committee, Mrs. Rowley, Colonel Russell-Brown, Dr. R. E. Tottenham, and Major Willson, and as Handicapping Committee Mrs. Remington, Mrs. Stark and Mr. Nowers. Mrs. James acted as tournament captain.

During the year 90 new members joined the Club. There are now 373 members on the roll, of whom 33 are absent. The following were elected Honorary Members: Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, and Lady Tyrwhitt.

Typhoon Damage.

Various improvements to the tennis courts were carried out during the period under review.

Financial Loss.

The financial working shows a loss of $1,182.28, which includes repairs and renewals amounting to $3,298.33. Of this approximately $1,500 is on account of typhoon damage and other item which are not likely to recur in the near future. The income of the Club is thus sufficient to meet ordinary expenditure but a Reserve Fund should be built up to meet similar contingencies.

It was decided at an extraordinary general meeting that the annual subscriptions of each member be increased by the sum of $2, nursing sisters excepted. It was also decided that the subscriptions of non-playing members should not be raised, $300 of the increased revenue was to be earmarked for repairs to wire netting, new screens, etc.

The annual competition for this shield was held on the L. R. C. Courts on May 23 between the L. R. C. (holders), the Peak Club and the U.S.R.C. The L. R. C. was represented by Mrs. Tottenham, Mrs. James, Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Cook, and again won the Shield.

The Committee thanked Messrs. Palmer and Turner (Honorary Architects), also Mr. T. A. Martin for auditing the accounts.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs. Hancock, and was seconded by Mrs. Womack. The proposition was carried.

Rule Altered.

The next business before the meeting was to amend Rule 14 by striking out the words (If any) "she or he shall duly become a Member of the Club" and substituting therefor "As from the date of election she or he shall duly become entitled to the privileges of Membership of the Club."

It was pointed out that it was thought advisable to alter the rule so that there should be no question as to its interpretation.

On the proposition of Mrs. Hancock, seconded by Mrs. Digby the rule was amended.

Ladies Open Championship.

A long discussion took place on the question as to whether the holder of the Ladies' Open Championship Singles Cup (at present held by Mrs. Tottenham) should play right through the tournament and not only in the final round. The question was also considered as to whether this competition should be made open to the Colony and different clubs be invited to take over the management in turn each year.

With regard to the first matter the questing of "seeding" was brought up, but this was held to be impracticable. It was eventually decided that the holder should play right through the tournament.

With regard to the second point it was decided that the tournament should continue to be managed by the club.

Committee Elected.

The following committee was elected: Mesdames Tottenham, Davenport-Browne, James and Doyle. Mrs. Adams was re-elected hon. treasurer and Mrs. Craig was re-elected hon. secretary.

Speaking with regard to the financial position, Mrs. Adams said that at the moment the Club was overdrawn. During the year expenses had been heavy, and, as Mrs. Russell-Brown had said, they had been leading a more or less "hand to mouth" existence. They expected to be out of debt by the end of the year.

MILITARY BOXING.

K.O.S.B. WIN THE COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

There was a large attendance of military men, and a sprinkling of sailors, at Whitfield Barracks on Saturday night, on the occasion of the third and final night of the South China Command team boxing tournament. As a result, the King's Own Scottish Borderers scored a win with the highest number of points, and the Scots Guards came a close second. The Queen's Regiment were third.

H. E. the G. O. C., Major-General C. C Luard, arrived early in the evening, and afterwards distributed the prizes, being accorded three very hearty cheers.

At the close of the boxing, the standings of the three regiments participating were as follows:

K.O.S.B.	62.
Scots Guards	60.
Queen's	43.

The fighting was very keen and clean throughout, and the men were congratulated for their good sportsmanship at the close, when the G.O.C. made a brief speech. Major-General Luard said it was the first effort at a Command boxing tournament here, and had proved a great success. Until then there had not been sufficient units to enable the holding of a tournament of this nature, but now, luckily, they had the material to draw upon, and there had been sufficient entries to make the affair a success. He remarked, "I am exceedingly keen on boxing, and consider it a most excellent training for a soldier. I congratulate the boxers to-night on the clean, hard fighting, without any show of temper. Having this inter-unit tournament is a fine thing." Remarking on the prowess of men from the K.O.S.B., Guards, and Queen's, the G. O. C. added that he hoped next time more interest in boxing would be shown by units which had not been very largely represented that night.

Major-General Luard concluded by thanking the hon. secretaries of the tournament, who had done a great deal towards its success, S.Q.M.S. H.P. Newberry and G.S.M. W. Templeton, and also the Hongkong Boxing Association for its assistance, and the gentlemen who had helped, the Naval officers particularly who had given assistance in the judging.

He congratulated the K.O.S.B. on winning, and condoled with the Scots Guards on getting so near and just failing to win.

The Prize Winners.

The G.O.C. then handed the prizes to the winners, the championship cup going to the representatives of the K.O.S.B. The detailed prize list was as follows:

Bantam-weights, winner Pte. McConnell, K.O.S.B.

Feather-weights, winner Sgt. Hooper, Queen's; runner-up L/c. Berry, Queen's.

Light-weights, winner Pte. Gordon, K.O.S.B.; runner-up Pte. Clark, Queen's.

Welter-weights, winner Pte. Boyer, K.O.S.B.; runner-up Pte. Carney, K.O.S.B.

Middle-weights, winner Dmr. Woollard, Scots Guards; runner-up Gds. Campbell, Scots Guards.

Light-heavies, winner Pte. Smith, K.O.S.B.; runner-up L/c. Woods, Scots Guards.

Heavy-weights, winner (walk-over) Cpl. George, Scots Guards.

Best loser first night, Pte. Packwood, Queen's.

Best loser, second night, Pte. Lansdale, Queen's.

Best loser, third night, Pte. Clark, Queen's.

The points for the champion were calculated by awarding two for a win or walk-over and one for losing.

The judges for the tournament were Major Campell, R.A., M.C., Lt. Fremantle, R.N., Mr. A. Murdoch, and Mr. W. Logan.

LOCAL CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY SECOND WIN JUNIOR DIVISION.

Only one league match was decided on Saturday afternoon, when the University secured full points from their nearest rivals in the second division, the Club de Recreio. This success gave them the championship of the second division and the Captain (Hiptoola) and the members of the team are to be congratulated upon this happy result.

Despite the attraction at Happy Valley, a good number of friendly matches were played. On the Club ground, the Club entertained the Royal Air Force, and the Kowloon C.C. engaged the Civil Service C.C. The I.R.C. "B" played the Navy's second string, whilst the Electric Company spent the afternoon with the H.K.C.C.'s second eleven at King's Park.

University 2nd v. C. de Recreio.

Playing at King's Park, the University second eleven defeated the Club de Recreio by five wickets. Batting first, Recreio scored 65, with R. C. Reed, contributing 20 runs. The University easily passed this figure, and had scored 74 for six wickets when the match was brought to a close.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Heavy Scoring on the Club Ground.

Playing on the Club ground, the H.K.C.C. in a friendly match, defeated the Royal Air Force by five wickets. The Air Force had the services of W. Brace, the Kowloon player, who carried his bat for a brilliant 82. The Airmen were out for 153. The Club passed this total for the loss of five wickets only, Hayward getting 54.

Kowloon v. Civil Service.

The Kowloon C.C. were at home to a scratch team of the Civil Service C.C. yesterday on the former's ground. The visitors put up a total of 191 before being dismissed. They were, however, unable to dismiss the K.C.C. in time to secure a win, and when light failed, the score of the home team stood at 127 for six wickets. E. C. Fincher, for Kowloon, scored 52 of the 127. Edwards, for Civil Service, made 52 and Davies 36.

I.R.C. "B" v. Navy 2nd.

Playing at Sookunpo, the I.R.C. "B" were heavily defeated by the Navy 2nd. The visitors put up 200 runs, to which the Indians made a feeble reply of 80. A feature of the Navy's batting was the splendid last wicket partnership between Lt. Commander de Winton, who scored 21 not out, and E.R.A. Hill, who obtained 32. They almost doubled the score.

Hill also bowled well for the Navy, obtaining three wickets for 19, as did Sgt. Lugg. Sparrow obtained a similar number of wickets for three runs less.

H.K. Electric v. H.K.C.C. 2nd.

Playing at King's Park, the Hongkong Electric went down to the Club seconds. The Electric made 80, Normington being responsible for one fourth of the total. The Club replied with 107 for eight, Hancock scoring 29 and Howell 26. For the H.K.E.C., Way obtained four wickets for 17, whilst Hancock for the Club secured five wickets for the same number of runs.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The league table to date stands as follows:

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
University	7	6	–	1	18
Craigengower C.C.	8	3	3	2	12
Royal Navy	6	3	2	1	11
Kowloon C.C.	4	3	1	–	10
Indian R.C. "A"	7	2	3	2	9
Civil Service C.C.	7	1	3	3	6
Chinese R.C.	6	1	2	3	5
Royal Artillery	5	1	1	4	4
Indian R.C. "B"	5	–	1	4	1

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
University 2nd	8	8	–	–	24
Club de Recreio	8	6	–	2	18
R.A.O.C.	8	5	–	3	15
Kowloon C.C. 2nd	6	4	1	1	13
Royal Navy 2nd	8	4	–	4	12
Police R.C.	8	3	–	5	9
Electric R.C.	6	2	–	4	6
Civil Service C.C.	7	2	–	5	6
Royal Engineers	7	2	–	5	6
"Tamar"	8	–	1	7	1

VARSITY HOCKEY.

CAMBRIDGE'S EASY WIN OVER OXFORD.

London, Feb. 18.

At Beckenham, in inter-Varsity hockey, Cambridge beat Oxford by five goals to one.—*Reuter.*

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ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH CUP MATCHES.

The following are the results of the Fifth Round of the English Cup and the Third Round of the Scottish Cup matches played at Home on Saturday. After the replays there will be only eight teams left in each of the competitions, and the succeeding rounds will be played on March 3 in both England and Scotland.

ENGLISH CUP.

Manchester U.	1	Birmingham	0
Wednesday	1	Sheffield U.	1
Arsenal	4	Aston Villa	1
Leicester	0	Tottenham	3
Manchester C.	0	Stoke	1
Huddersfield	4	Middlesbro	0
Blackburn	2	Port Vale	1
Notts. Forest	2	Cardiff	1

SCOTTISH CUP.

Celtic	2	Alloa	0
St. Mirren	0	Partick	6
Dundee	1	Dunfermline	2
Hibernians	0	Falkirk	0
Albion	3	Airdrieonians	1
King's Park	3	Rangers	1
Kilmarnock	4	Queen's Park	4
Hearts	1	Motherwell	2

The results of the League matches, as cabled by *Reuter*, are as follows:

Division I.

Burnley	0	West Ham	0
Bury	3	Derby	0
Newcastle	2	Bolton	2
Portsmouth	3	Sunderland	5

Division II.

Bristol C	5	Clapton O.	1
Fulham	2	S. Shields	0
Notts. Cnty	1	Reading	1
Oldham	1	Grimsby	0
Southampton	2	Blackpool	0
Swansea	1	Leeds	1
West Brom.	4	Wolves	0

Division III (South).

Coventry	1	Gillingham	2
Crystal Pal.	3	Luton	2
Exeter	0	Brentford	1
Millwall	5	Charlton	0
Newport	4	Walsall	1
Northants	2	Southend	1
Norwich	0	Brighton	0
Queen's P. R.	0	Plymouth	1
Swindon	1	Merthyr	2
Torquay	2	Bournemouth	2
Watford	2	Bristol R.	1

Division III (North).

Accrington	3	Halifax	2
Bradford	1	Barrow	1
Chesterfield	6	Nelson	0
Doncaster	3	Ashington	2
Durham	1	Rotherham	4
Hartlepools	2	Bradford C.	3
Lincoln	1	New Brighton	2
Southport	2	Darlington	0
Tranmere	5	Stockport	2
Wigan	2	Crewe	1
Wrexham	2	Rochdale	1

Scottish League.

Cowdenbeath	2	Bo'ness	3

FULL LEAGUE TABLES.

Considerable Reshuffling of the Teams.

The following tables show the positions of the teams in the various Leagues, the mid-week and Saturday matches having been taken into account in their compilation.

Division I.

Everton	28	14	7	7	73	49	35
Huddersfield	27	15	4	8	67	47	34
Leicester	29	13	7	9	68	51	33
Bolton	28	13	6	9	59	44	32
Burnley	30	14	3	13	60	66	31
Cardiff	27	11	8	8	48	40	30
Newcastle	29	11	8	10	58	50	30
Sunderland	27	11	7	9	53	50	29
Tottenham	28	12	5	11	59	59	29
Blackburn	28	10	9	9	40	49	29
Liverpool	28	10	8	10	61	54	28
Bury	29	10	2	14	50	53	28
Aston Villa	28	11	5	12	53	52	27
Arsenal	26	10	7	9	55	56	27
West Ham	28	11	5	12	58	65	27
Middlesbro	28	9	8	11	60	61	26
Derby	29	9	7	13	65	66	25
Sheffield U.	28	9	7	12	50	60	25
Manchester	27	10	5	12	47	52	25
Birmingham	27	6	11	10	44	50	23
Portsmouth	28	8	6	14	46	73	22
Wednesday	27	5	9	13	49	60	19

Division II.

Chelsea	27	17	6	4	55	27	40
Manchester C.	27	17	4	6	69	42	38
Preston	28	16	6	6	64	40	38
Leeds	29	16	5	8	72	50	37
Oldham	28	15	6	7	56	33	36
Stoke	27	14	5	8	51	40	33
West Brom.	28	12	8	9	67	52	32
Notts. Forest	26	12	6	8	63	50	30
Bristol C.	29	12	6	11	62	56	30
Port Vale	27	13	2	12	47	40	28
Swansea	28	11	6	11	55	53	28
Hull	26	9	10	7	33	34	28
Grimsby	28	10	8	10	45	56	28
Notts. Cnty	28	8	8	12	45	51	24
Reading	29	8	8	13	43	59	24
Southampton	29	8	7	14	45	54	23
Clapton O.	28	9	5	14	42	62	23
Barnsley	28	8	7	13	36	61	23
Blackpool	29	8	6	15	56	75	22
Fulham	28	8	5	15	53	67	21
Wolves	28	7	5	16	42	72	19
S. Shields	28	3	5	20	40	85	11

Division III (South.)

Millwall	28	19	4	5	87	40	42
Northants	26	17	4	5	70	41	38
Plymouth	28	16	4	8	62	38	36
Exeter	27	12	9	6	46	35	33
Brighton	28	13	6	9	57	49	32
Newport	27	12	7	8	52	44	31
Queen's Park	28	12	6	10	44	33	30
Swindon	23	12	5	6	58	45	29
Charlton	26	9	10	7	30	46	28
Crystal Pal.	27	10	8	9	49	53	28
Bournemouth	27	10	7	10	49	50	27
Brentford	29	12	3	14	53	57	27
Southend	26	11	3	12	46	47	25
Gillingham	25	9	7	10	40	47	23
Norwich	27	7	8	12	51	58	22
Walsall	29	9	4	16	48	72	22
Merthyr	28	7	8	13	40	58	22
Watford	27	8	5	14	46	55	21
Coventry	27	8	4	15	46	64	20
Bristol R.	27	9	2	16	50	68	20
Torquay	27	5	9	13	34	69	19
Luton	26	6	5	15	58	62	17

Division III (North.)

Bradford	29	19	8	2	78	30	46
Doncaster	28	18	4	6	63	27	40
Tranmere	27	15	6	6	69	41	36
Stockport	27	14	5	8	51	38	33
Accrington	29	12	8	9	57	49	32
Lincoln	29	14	4	11	57	57	32
Southport	28	14	3	11	59	45	31
Wrexham	27	14	3	10	46	41	31
Darlington	27	13	4	10	56	39	30
Bradford C.	28	10	10	8	60	45	30
Halifax	28	11	8	9	56	45	30
Rochdale	26	13	1	12	53	54	27
Hartlepools	28	11	5	14	51	60	27
Chesterfield	29	9	8	12	50	53	26
Rotherham	27	9	7	11	48	46	25
New Brighton	26	9	6	11	44	42	24
Crewe	28	7	7	14	52	64	21
Durham	29	8	5	16	39	66	21
Ashington	29	7	7	15	49	77	21
Nelson	27	6	8	16	51	83	19
Wigan	29	6	5	18	35	73	17
Barrow	29	5	7	17	34	80	17

Scottish League.

Rangers	27	19	5	3	88	30	43
Motherwell	28	18	6	4	75	31	42
Celtic	27	17	7	3	70	24	41
Hearts	27	17	4	7	78	38	38
St. Mirren	27	14	5	9	57	59	33
Kilmarnock	28	12	8	8	52	58	32
Partick	28	13	5	10	67	49	31
Aberdeen	29	14	3	12	54	53	31
Cowdenbeath	29	12	7	10	49	51	31
Falkirk	28	14	2	12	60	52	30
St. Johnstone	29	11	7	11	57	54	29
Hibernians	28	10	7	11	54	51	27
Dundee	28	10	4	14	47	62	24
Airdrie	28	7	9	12	41	56	23
Queen's Park	28	8	6	14	49	56	22
Bo'ness	28	9	2	17	37	67	20
Clyde	28	7	5	16	35	62	19
Hamilton	28	7	4	17	48	64	18
Raith R.	27	6	5	16	43	74	17
Dunfermline	28	3	3	22	30	95	9

GERMAN WORKERS.

WAGE AWARD IN METAL INDUSTRY.

Berlin, Feb. 18.

The official arbitrator in the metal dispute in Central Germany has awarded an increase of wages by five pfennigs an hour, and has given the employers and workers until February 20 to state whether they will abide by the award.—*Reuter.*

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OBITUARY.

MR. J. G. THOMPSON PASSES AWAY.

The death occurred at the French Hospital on Saturday afternoon of Mr. J. G. Thompson.

The late Mr. Thompson was for some years attached to the outdoor staff of the Hongkong Telephone Company. He was born in Hongkong and was educated in St. Joseph's College. On leaving school Mr. Thompson served for a short period as an apprentice in the Kowloon Dock, prior to joining the Telephone Company.

Mr. Thompson was very popular with the large Chinese staff of the Telephone Company. Much sympathy will be felt for his parents as Mr. Thompson passed away in the prime of his life, being only twenty-six years of age. He had been in ill health for some time.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, when a large number of the European Staff of the Telephone Company attended. There was a still larger gathering of Chinese workmen employed by the Company, fully two hundred being present at the grave side.

The remains were buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, the funeral rites being performed by the Rev. Fr. Teruzzi. A profusion of wreaths were sent by the many friends and colleagues of the deceased, amongst them being tributes from Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. D. Tollan and family, Chinese Staff, Telephone Company, General Staff, Telephone Company, Outdoor staff (Cable department) Telephone Company and Mr. Wong Ming-yue, and many others.

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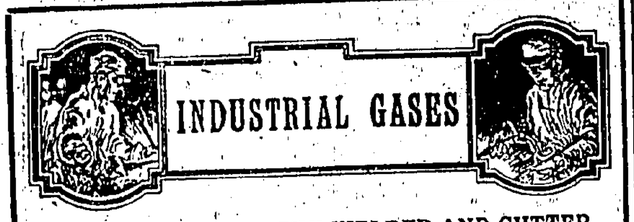

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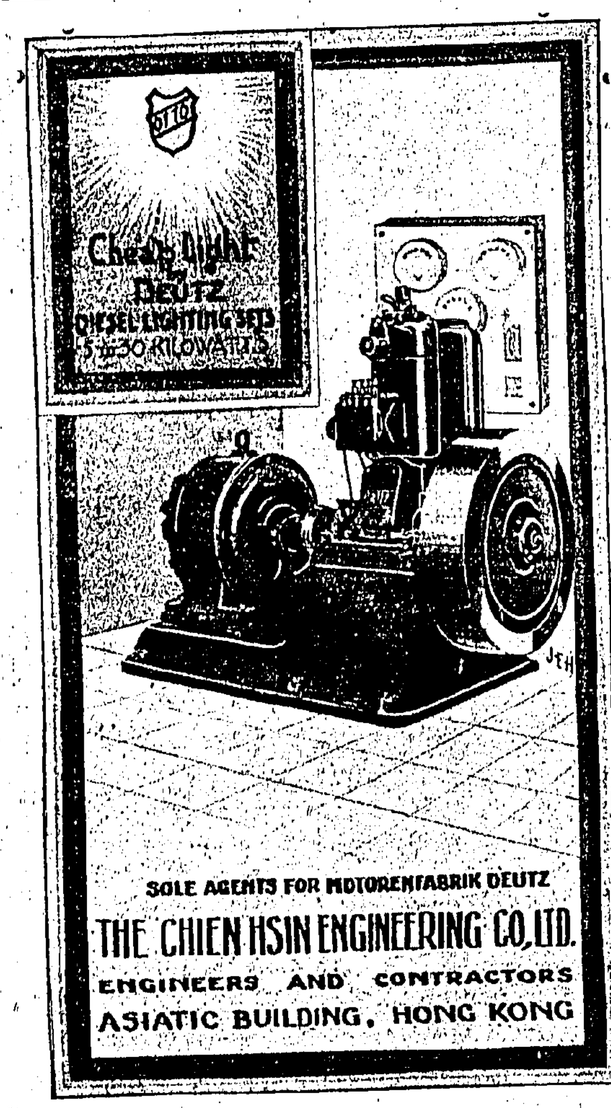

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It was "Closing Day" at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday, when prizes won during the season were presented, after a game between teams skipped by the President, Mr. C. Bond, and the Vice-President, Mr. B. Wylie. The game ended in favour of the Vice-President's side by 77 shots to 73. There was a large gathering of members and their ladies, a most enjoyable afternoon being spent.

Reviewing the Club's activities during the year, Mr. C. Bond said that their position in the League was fifth and he had been given to understand that next year the bowlers would push the leaders of the League very much further.

At the beginning of the season they had been handicapped by the sand and other rubbish which was washed on to the ground and the Greens Committee had had a difficult job in getting the greens into condition. He was pleased to say that they had not had many worms this year (Laughter). The worthy green ranger had spent many afternoons fishing for them (Laughter).

Mr. Bond said he would take that opportunity of extending hearty congratulations to the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club for their magnificent win during the season. They got to the premier position and established a record by going through the season without having been beaten. The Kowloon Bowling Green Club was proud of them, first because they were all graduates of the Club and secondly because they had all stuck to the Club and were still members. They were very proud to have them as members.

The Tennis Section.

Referring to the Tennis Section, Mr. Bond said it had had a successful year. He was certain that the competitions had been very keen and had been played off in a most sportsmanlike manner. The younger members of the Club preferred tennis to bowls. He could quite understand that as there was no bevy of beauty on the bowling greens as there was on the tennis courts (Laughter).

He hoped, however, that the young members of the Club who were keen on tennis would spend some of their time on the greens as some of the older players wanted to sit back and merely watch the game.

Mr. Bond said he had to thank the donors of the prizes. He did not think a finer collection of silver had ever appeared before on one table in any Club in the Colony. After congratulating the prize winners on their success, Mr. Bond asked Mrs. Bond to come forward and distribute the prizes.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Bond as follows.—

Bowls.

Handicap Doubles.—1, (Tyneside and Dundee Prizes), Messrs. R. Lapsley and V. Ramsay; 2, (Presented by Messrs. Hyde and Donnithorne), Messrs. W. Macfarlane and R. Duncan.

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Non-Prize Winners.—1, (Presented by the Club), W. E. Hale; 2, ("Canning Town" Cup; Presented by Messrs. C. Bond, C. Hatt and W. S. Cuff), B. Branch.

Rink Competition.—1, (Presented by Mr. A. K. Macdougall), Messrs. Russell, Forster, A. Macfarlane and Stoneham; 2, (Presented by the Club), Messrs. W. Macfarlane, Whibley, Sherriffs, and Hyde.

President.—1, (Presented by Mr. C. Bond), C. Atkinson; 2, (The Belfast Cup, presented by Messrs. Dixon, Creig, McKirdy and Slipper), J. O. Maclaggan; 3, (Presented by Mr. D. Gow), V. Ramsay.

Vice-President.—1, (Presented by Mr. B. Wylie), R. Duncan; 2, (Presented by Mr. W. A. Rundell), J. Hyde; 3, (Presented by Mr. D. Gow), W. Russell.

Handicap Singles.—1, (Presented by Mr. D. Muir), J. A. Lindsay; 2, (Presented by Mr. B. Branch), C. Atkinson.

Tennis.

Handicap Singles.—1, (Presented by Mr. J. D. Thomson), T. Fergusson; 2, (Presented by Mr. T. Fergusson), W. Hedley.

Mixed Doubles.—1, (Presented by Mr. P. T. Farrell), Mrs. W. Hedley and T. Fergusson; 2, (Presented by Mr. J. W. Matthews), Mrs. F. C. Purslow and C. E. Stewart.

Tennis Championship.—1, (Presented by Mr. C. Ewens), L. Jack; 2, (Presented by Mr. W. J. Kerr), T. Fergusson.

Gents. Doubles.—1, (Bookmakers' Association), C. E. Stewart and J. D. Thomson; 2, (Presented by Mr. C. Atkinson), T. Fergusson and W. White.

In a speech at the conclusion of the distribution of the prizes Mr. B. Wylie, the Vice-President, said he had to thank Mrs. Bond on behalf of the Club for visiting them that afternoon and for so graciously distributing the prizes. He was very glad that Mr. Bond had remembered that the Vice-President had won the competition, the scores, he thought being 77 and 73. That score indicated a very close game. Mr. Wylie said he would also like to thank the ladies who had provided refreshments. He asked Mrs. Bond to accept a bouquet as a token of the Club's thanks to her.

The bouquet was handed to Mrs. Bond by Miss Helen Wylie, and replying on behalf of Mrs. Bond, the President returned suitable thanks to the Club and to Miss Wylie.

HOCKEY CHAMPIONS.

NAVY DEFEATED IN SIM SHIELD FINAL.

The Army become the holders of the Sim Shield for the year by their victory over the Navy in the deciding match played on the United Services Recreation Ground at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon. They won by two goals to one.

The Army and Navy have undoubtedly proved the superior teams in the competition. The Navy held the lead all the way through, but when the Army secured the points in their last match they succeeded in drawing level at 10 points all. The rules of the competition provide that in the event of a tie a deciding game shall be played, and this the Army won.

The Sim shield was first put up for competition in 1925, in which year it was won by the Club. In the two following years the Navy became the holders. This year the R.A.F. entered a team, making four competitors, but never at any time did they look like winning the trophy.

The Shield cannot be won outright, but each year the name of the winning team is inscribed thereon.

The interest which the meeting of the Service teams aroused was evidenced by the unusually large attendance of spectators, both sides being well supported. Those present included His Excellency, Major General C. C. Luard, Mrs. Luard and Miss Luard. At the conclusion of the game His Excellency presented the shield to Captain Webb, who captained the Army.

Both elevens played exceptionally well and credit must be paid to the respective goal keepers—Lt. Commdr. Bell (Navy) and Capt. Renny (Army). Both played splendidly and their efforts added materially to keeping the score down. Defences and halves were sound and both sets of forwards displayed dash and skill, the Army, if anything, having the better control.

Shield Presented.

Following the finish of the game, the Army team lined up in front of Mayor General Luard, who presented the shield to Captain Webb.

In making the presentation His Excellency remarked on the splendid match those present had witnessed adding that it was anyone's game all through. He thought perhaps the Army were rather the better team, but the Navy forwards always looked dangerous. He paid a tribute to Commander Bell for his fine display in goal.

After remarking that the game was a deciding one, General Luard continued, amidst laughter, that he thought it was perhaps time that the Army won the shield. "It is," he said, "about time they had a look in."

Three cheers were then given for General Luard.

Following are the teams:

Army: Capt. Renny; Sergt. Hooper and Sergt. Dodds; Lt. Reidy, Capt. Webb, (Capt.) and Major Greig; Lt. Dickinson, Capt. Howard, Lt. Burton, Capt. Dobbie and Sergt. Handscombe.

Navy: Lt. Commdr. Bell; Flt. Lt. Hope and Lt. Commdr. Browne; Lt. Davies, Lt. Commdr. Chapple and Sub-Lt. Collins; Lt. MacKendrick, Lt. Sladen, Commdr. Ling (Capt.), Lt. Commdr. Fleet, and Lt. Atkinson.

Club Second Team.

The following will represent the second team of the Hongkong Hockey Club in the match with the Royal Navy seconds on the R.N.O.S.C. ground, King's Park, to-morrow, at 5 p.m. F. S. Nicholls; R. R. Todd, L. F. Nicholson; E. L. Sim, L. A. R. Duncan, Rev. N. Evans; P. L. P. Thomas, R. K. Valentine, Rev. J. P. Murray, Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkcom and W. A. Nowers.

Two manuscripts of works by Mr. Thomas Hardy are now on exhibition in the Department of Manuscripts at the British Museum. They are the original holograph manuscripts, as sent to the printer, of the novel "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," and the first part of "The Dynasts."

COMPANY MEETING.

BANK OF EAST ASIA'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The ninth ordinary yearly meeting of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., was held on Saturday, at its registered office, No. 10, Des Voeux Road, Central. The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow presided, and there were present Messrs. P. K. Kwok, Chow Chi-nam, Chow Tung-sang, Poon Hiu-cho, Tso Shuk-hon, Li Koon-chun, Li Tse-fong, Li Pak-to, K. K. Lee, Li Po Tin, Fung Ping-shan, Wong Yun-tong, Kan Tong-po, Ling Man-lai, K. K. Wong, Li Lan-sang, Kan Ying-po, and many others.

The Chairman, addressing the meeting, said:

The report and accounts, together with the auditors' report, having been sent to you in accordance with the provision of the Articles of Association of the Company, I will, with your permission, follow the usual practice and take them as read. I referred last year to the hopes and anticipations of a revival of trade in the near future. I regret to say that these hopes have not been realised during the year under review, but on the contrary, there was even greater depression and uncertainty for trade in the Far East than before on account of the continuance of civil wars and troubles in China. However, it is gratifying to note that conditions in the Colony itself gradually returned to almost what they were in normal times.

The results of the year's working show very little material changes from those of the preceding year, and in view of the difficult time, I think you will agree with me that we are indebted to the efforts of the management, both in the Head Office and in its branches, for the profit on the year's operation.

You will observe from the Balance Sheet before you that the figures in our current and deposit accounts show a very substantial increase over those of 1926, and I am glad to be able to say that this important branch of our business is being steadily maintained in all our offices. However, your Directors still think it prudent to keep as large a cash reserve as possible, and you will notice that our money at call fully represents 80 per cent. against our liabilities on current and deposit accounts.

New Shanghai Premises.

The addition of the sum of about $200,000 to our Bank Building account represents payment to the contractors for our new Shanghai Office which was completed in November of last year. Our Shanghai Branch is now occupying the major portion of the ground floor and I am pleased to state that the remainder of the ground floor and most of the office space in the upper floors have been let out, yielding very good returns on the capital invested. I may mention here that the Directors have made a very conservative valuation of all the properties owned by the Bank and they are satisfied that it is very much above the book value.

The amount to be carried forward is again larger than that of the previous year because it is the policy of the Directors to carry forward such a sum that will assure shareholders of a steady dividend for the coming year.

I do not think there is anything further in the accounts that requires my comment but if any shareholder desires to put any question to me after the resolution for the adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded, I shall be very pleased to answer same to the best of my ability.

With these few remarks, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts and that the amount standing at the credit of Profit and Loss Account be dealt with as follows:

To pay a Dividend of $6 per share on 50,000 shares absorbing $300,000.00; to pay a Bonus to Directors, Holders of Founder shares and the staff $18,680.95; to carry forward $404,641.59; a total of $723,322.54.

Mr. Poon Hiu-cho seconded.

No questions were asked and the adoption of the report and accounts was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. Chow Tung-sang, seconded by Mr. Tso Shuk-hon, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected as the Auditors for the ensuing year.

The meeting terminated with the announcement by the Chairman that dividend warrants would be ready on Monday, the 20th instant.

MILITARY MATTERS.

GENERALS GATHER FOR A CONFERENCE.

Peking, Feb. 18.

Generals Chang Chung-chang and Chu Yu-pu have arrived at Peking for the purpose of attending the military conference this week-end.—*Reuter.*

WHO WOULD THINK SHE IS FORTY!

The Secret of Keeping Young.

This is an age of young people. It is unfashionable to admit oneself old. Instead of wearing caps and shawls now-a-days many grandmothers dance and are all the better for it. Some women even are taken to be the sisters of their own daughters.

What is the secret of looking and feeling young when well on into middle life? Unquestionably it depends almost entirely upon the condition of the blood, for from the blood the whole system draws its nourishment, and when the blood is anaemic, impoverished, vitiated, the complexion fades, the face becomes drawn or puffy and spirit droops, elasticity leaves the limbs, the muscles, the skin.

And how is the blood to be kept pure, rich and red? The answer to this is by the use, when needed, of a good blood tonic, the best of all tonic—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Doubtless to you who read these lines the name is familiar. It is more than probable that you cannot recall the time when you first heard it, for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have been the trusted Blood and Nerve Tonic in countless homes throughout the world for close on forty years.

As a specific for anaemia, and for those backaches and irregularities of health which afflict their sex alone, women know them to be unrivalled. They have an outstanding record as a restorative of health and vigour to men broken-down by over-work, worry, or other causes. If you feel that you are prematurely ageing, if you lack strength, spirit, appetite, if you are troubled with rheumatic pains, just begin a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to-day, and note how soon you will begin to feel their unique re-vitalizing, rejuvenating, health-and-strength restoring effects. It is wonderful how quickly they impart zest to the appetite, invigoration to digestion, tone to the nerves, give a fresh impetus to the enjoyment of life. Of your chemist, or post free, $1.50 per bottle, $8.00 for 6 bottles, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kiangse Road, Shanghai. But be sure and refuse substitutes. Ask for, and see that you get

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

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T.U.C. ANGRY WITH MR. COOK.

REPRIMAND LIKELY OVER TRADE TALK OPPOSITION.

The attitude of Mr. A. J. Cook, the miners' secretary, towards the industrial harmony conference may have a dramatic development when the General Council of the Trades Union Congress meets in eight days' time, says a London newspaper of January 16th.

Mr. Cook has opposed the whole project, and has now made a statement alleging that the official report of the conference was misleading, and that the employers sought to commit the Council to a signed declaration in favour of peace and the setting up of machinery to end strikes and lock-outs.

A sharp report was made by Mr. Citrine, the secretary of the T.U.C. who said to a Press representative:

Mr. Cook persists in misrepresenting his colleagues by giving a one-sided and misleading version of the occurrences at Thursday's conference. He is well aware that no decisions have been taken by the General Council in respect of the Conference, and that the whole matter is to be discussed at a special meeting of the General Council on January 24.

Mr. Cook's suggestion that the General Council intends to keep the movement in the dark as to these proceedings is known by him to be entirely false. His action is now a matter for the General Council itself to consider.

DYE "SPY" CASE.

AMERICAN SUBJECT GETS PRISON SENTENCE.

Berlin, Feb 18.

The Dusseldorf court has sentenced an American named Guido Meifel, a dye expert of Portsmouth New Hampshire, to imprisonment for a year, and a fine of 5,000 marks, for "commercial espionage."

It is alleged that he tried to obtain information regarding secret dye processes.

Two German accomplices have also been sentenced to terms of imprisonment.—*Reuter.*

There is good reason to believe that at the meeting of the council on Tuesday week, Mr. Cook will be taken to task for his conduct, and it is possible that a reprimand will be administered.

The council have no power to take any further disciplinary action against a member who has been duly elected by the Congress, but they could write to the Miner's Federation or report to Congress.

Mr. Cook will defend his action on January 24.

"The bunglers and mischief-makers in our own movement as well as in the capitalist movement have done their worst to destroy the trade of the country, and there are to-day millions suffering through the wantonness and criminal idiocy of this type of man," said Mr. Ben Tillett in a speech at Mexborough.

The conference at Burlington House was the first serious attempt made in any country to lift a vital economic question on to a practical level of consideration and review.

OUR NEW SERIAL

THE VANISHING VENGEANCE

By DOUGLAS NEWTON.

Author of "Double Crossed," "Low Ceilings," "Green Ladies," &c.

CHAPTER XVII.

Joyce was forgotten. She crouched unnoticed in a chair by the door, while Otto and Stroach stood over Hugo Shanly lying back limp in a chair, his feet and legs occasionally knotting and twisting in panic. Otto and Stroach were too anxious to hear all, to ask questions or to notice her.

"I tell you it's the same," Hugo said over and over again. "The same. Stannard got at Fedden as he got at Gamlin and Maker. He made Fedden send that money to the Public Trustee, he" caused Fedden's death."

"Murder?" rasped Stroach.

"Suicide?" cried Otto.

"No—no," cried Hugo, in weak petulance. "No need for either. Fedden's heart—Fedden's heart cracked."

"Ah, of course, his weak heart," said Otto. "But are you sure it was heart failure? Sure? Couldn't it seem like something else?"

Certainly they had overlooked Joyce. Or perhaps they had so settled their minds about her fate that they didn't care whether she heard or not.

"No," snarled Hugo, with feeble sullenness. "You can't make it anything but what it is. His heart gave way. No injury, no wound—no sign of foul play—just sprawled naturally over his desk. Over the note he had written to us. Besides, the doctor came in on top of me. He has no two opinions of the reason for Fedden's death."

"The doctor!" snapped Otto. "Did he see that note?"

"Am I such a fool?" sneered Hugo. "Nobody saw that note but Fedden—and me. When I got in to him, I saw how it was with him. I looked for that note—getting rather to look for notes just now, aren't we?—Well, it was there, hidden under his body. Nobody could have seen it without lifting the body. I lifted it—ugh! I know what death's like now."

"Don't snivel," cried Otto. "We can't do that now. Where's the note?"

"I've brought it." Hugo began to search, fumbling through his pockets. "Sort of note we'd expect. Says Stannard had come to him. That Stannard had got him tight. That there was no way out. That Stannard had made him send his money to the Public Trustee for the usual reasons. Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds' worth of money."

"Exactly that sum?" said Otto, with a sudden and startling touch of weakness in his voice.

"Exactly that sum, Otto," sneered Hugo. "Darn accurate feller, Stannard. Always was, hey?"

Otto seemed to sway a little. It was a moment or so before he said, "How did Stannard get to him? Fedden had a guard in his grounds."

"I don't know," said Hugo. "The guard saw nothing. Fedden seems to have had his curtains over his windows all the evening, so the man in the grounds couldn't say whether he had a visitor."

"Had he a visitor."

"Oh, lord, I asked all those questions, man. It's the same as with Gamlin and Maker—if he had one nobody knows anything about it."

"How is it you heard about this—first?" demanded Otto.

"Oh, I wasn't usurping your privileges," sneered Hugo. "It appears that Fedden's butler heard some noise like shouting . . . and knowing, from rumour, that Fedden was mixed up with strange happenings, ran in the room—and found him already dead."

"Yes," murmured Stroach, "that'd be it. Stannard was coming away from Fedden across the Common when—when the other thing happened."

"Oh, you have something to add to the story, too," said Hugo. "Well, let me finish mine. The butler got scared, as butlers will. He telephoned to the doctor, and you, Otto. You, it appears, had just gone out. I went round at once, and found the situation as I describe."

"Did you find the—the other things as usual?"

"The books and papers you mean? Quite as usual. As with Gamlin, as with Maker, so it was with Fedden; every book and every private paper connected with 19—was gone."

Joyce saw Otto sag a little, and the breath came through his teeth in a sharp hiss. Hugo had opened his eyes and was staring at him, sneering at him, as though he were glad to give this massive, cold brute pain at last.

"And Fedden knew a lot, Otto," he said, softly.

"Yes, he knew a lot," muttered Otto. "Yes, an awful lot." He walked heavily to the window, and stood staring out into the darkness of after midnight. The others watched him attentively, and Joyce crouched in her chair forgotten.

The silence seemed to last for a long time. It was cut short by the sharp sound of a motor coming up the drive and stopping at the door. A moment after they heard the sound of an electric bell skirling in the servants' quarters.

The men sprang round, and for the first time they seemed to realise that Joyce was there. Joyce had sprung up at the sound of the bell. She said: "Shall I go? The servants will be in bed."

Otto took a stride towards her. "You stay here," he said harshly. "You stay. Stroach——"

Stroach went out to answer the bell, while Otto stood staring and considering her, coldly, speculatively.

In a little while Stroach returned with the police-sergeant and a young man of quite astonishing dapperness. An unexpected young man. He was tall and slim. His hair was very fair, and he had the smooth complexion that goes with that kind of hair. He was good-looking in an attractive, boyish way, and remarkably well-dressed. He looked, in fact, like the hero of quite a score of love novels.

The police-sergeant introduced him as a crack detective from Easthampton, and nobody in the room believed him. In fact, when his pleasant blue eyes rested on Joyce, with a slightly humorous smile, as if to say, "Isn't it a joke, me being taken for that sort of thing?" Joyce knew despair. They would never get to the bottom of the mystery.

The police-sergeant was saying: "I was in luck. When I 'phoned through to Easthampton Mr. Mainwaring here was on the spot. He came right away in his car. I thought we'd lose no time over this bad business, Mr. Rigg, so I brought him straight to you."

"Quite right, sergeant," said Otto Rigg, affably, but warily. "I am most anxious to co-operate. Anything I can tell you is completely at your disposal. Won't you sit down?"

In the slight bustle that followed this invitation Stroach drew to Otto's side, spoke to him. Joyce caught the word "girl." Otto looked stolidly at her, said something to Stroach, and then turned to the detective and the policeman.

Stroach said: "Very well, Mr. Rigg, I will fetch the drink." He went out, but Joyce knew that his excuse to get the drinks in the absence of the servants wasn't his real reason for going.

Otto sat down solidly. "Now, Mr. Mainwaring," he began. "Shall I tell you what I know, or will you ask me questions?" His eye flitted over the company, rested apparently for the first time on Joyce. "Bless my soul, child," he said, in accents of surprise, "you still here? One moment, Mr. Mainwaring. Is there any need to keep my secretary here? She has had a very trying day, poor child. And if you can excuse her, I think she had best go to bed."

Otto Rigg had agreed with Stroach. It was best to get her out of the way. She knew too much, she would recognise the lies he intended to tell this Mr. Mainwaring.

The perfect young man's mild and blue eye came round to her. He smiled amiably, boyishly—but somehow there was quite a surprising steadiness and appraisement in his glance. For a moment it seemed to Joyce that he understood the meaning underlying Otto's suggestion.

Then he said easily: "I'd be the last person to rob a lady of her rest. Certainly it is more imperative that this lady should have her rest rather than answer dull questions. If there is anything we want to learn from her, it will keep until to-morrow—or, rather, later in to-day."

As he spoke he rose politely and opened the door for her, and again Joyce felt despair. A man who could be so feebly, tritely gallant as this had no chance against such cold, cunning brains as Otto and his crew.

Yet, as he stood by the door, his back to Otto and Hugo, the young man shot at her a cool, shrewd glance, a glance that seemed full of acuteness and knowledge.

In the hall she saw why Stroach had slipped out. He had called one of his spies into the house, had given him instructions. As she passed the pair she felt the spy staring at her, felt the savage glance of Stroach. Half-way up the stairs she heard Stroach say, callously: "And remember it, if she gives you the slip—Gawd help you."

By the time she reached her door the man was at the end of the passage, sitting on a chair, watching her. She was a prisoner to be kept under strict scrutiny.

She went into her room, and locked the door with a significant loudness. Her room was big and bright and empty, but as she looked round it she knew it was no more than a prison.

Going to the French window, she stepped out on to the balcony that ran round the house. Walking forward so that she could look over the boxes of plants that edged the balustrade, she glanced down into the garden.

Another man was standing there, looking up at her. He was not troubling to hide himself from her. They wanted her to know that they were going to make no mistakes about her, that she was held tight.

She went back to her room wearily, moving slowly with the numbness of despair. She shut the windows and drew across them the thick blinds. She rarely did that, but now it was a gesture of defiance, an indication to the man outside that there was at least one place from which she could shut spies out.

As she pulled the last curtain across the glass she heard a movement behind her.

A distinct movement that shot a stabbing pain of terror through her. . . . Had her moment come? Was this the moment when they would kill her?

A voice said softly: "Don't be alarmed, Miss Alleyn. I mean no harm to you."

She swung about almost with a cry.

In one corner of the room a deep clothes cupboard was built into the solid wall. The door of this was open.

In the doorway stood Martin Stannard.

(To be continued.)

The eighth annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall to-day, at 6 p.m.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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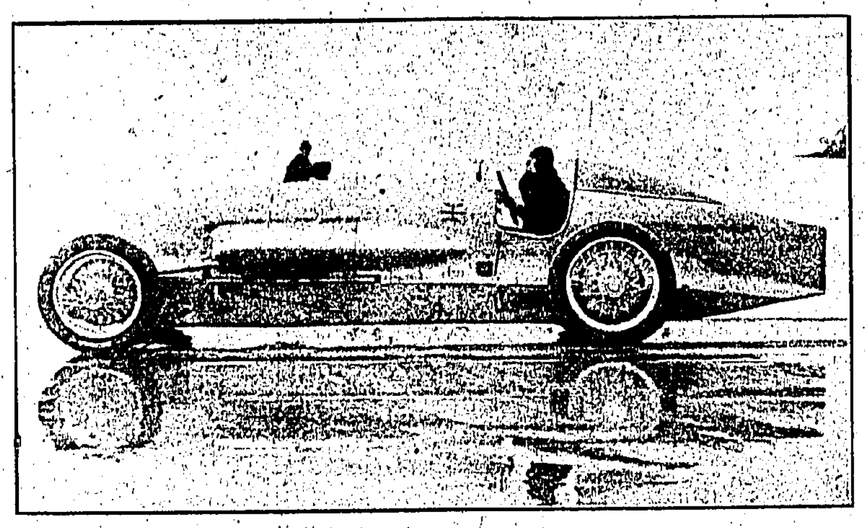
WORLD'S MOTOR SPEED RECORD SMASHED.

Captain Malcolm Campbell, who in his Napier-Campbell car, the "Bluebird" smashed the world's speed record by accomplishing a speed of 206.956 miles an hour.



The "Bluebird" in which Captain Campbell, the famous British racing motorist, beat the motor speed record yesterday, and won the Wakefield trophy for Britain.

WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

IMPORTANCE OF CORRECT FASHIONS.

LONG SKIRTS FORECASTED.

Hollywood, Calif, Jan. 30.

With the winter season ahead of them, the feminine members of the cinema colony are having their worries in the way of what to wear.

The big question seems to be—shall skirts be long or short? For a year leading designers have been advocating the return of long skirts. Yet Hollywood is slow to adopt them. Some stars look upon the issue as one which requires deep consideration because "I am so important that my fans will follow whatever style I set."

It seems that cloth manufacturers are encouraging designers to bring back long skirts. But the screen actresses—well, let them speak for themselves.

Not Even When She's Sixty.

"Long skirts? Pooh! I won't wear them when I'm sixty," declares pert little Audrey Ferris. "What good does it do girls to have pretty legs if they must keep them covered? If a girl is knock-kneed, that's different. But if she has anything like shapely legs she should show them. That's why God gave them to her."

"I favour the long gowns for evening wear," says Dolores Costello. "They have better lines and are more graceful than abreviated skirts. But for general wear, I'm for the knee-length dresses. Imagine playing golf or tennis in a long skirt—and a girl can't go home and change clothes every time she wants to do anything."

"Both styles are wrong as far as I am concerned," says Irene Rich. "I'll compromise and wear mine a few inches above my ankles. That's where skirts should be anyway."

"No one will ever see me in an extremely long skirt unless I am in a costume picture which demands it—and then I'll change into my own shorter dresses just as quickly as I can," tiny Mary McAvoy declares. "I like them short although I do feel tall and stately in a long gown. I will forego that feeling though."

How Myrna Feels.

"I don't care what the designers say," don't cares Myrna Loy. "I have always worn my dresses long or short as I pleased and I'll continue to do so. Everyone else can wear skirts that will sweep the ground if they want to, but I will always keep some of my short dresses—and I'll wear them, too."

STRANGE ORIGINS OF WORDS.

NOT SO DRY AS DUST AFTER ALL.

The study of words, their origin and their history, may seem to be a dry-as-dust occupation, but it can be a very fascinating hobby. The attempts to solve cross-word puzzles have opened out to many a new source of pleasure; and the astonishing origin of many of our most common words has made the dictionary the happy hunting-ground for many. The manner in which some of our most familiar words have arrived at their present meaning and spelling is often extremely curious.

Let us consider a few examples.

"Dirge" has at present no technical, but only a literary sense, and means sometimes a mournful song, but usually a solemn service, or part of a service, on behalf of a departed soul.

Originally the word was spelt "dirige," being the first word of the antiphon at the beginning of the opening psalm of the first nocturne used by the Roman Catholic Church in the Office for the Dead. The entire antiphon is:—"Dirige, Dominus meus, in conspectu tuo viam meam" (My Lord, direct my way in thy sight.)

Clerks in minor orders, and even laymen, used to be commissioned by rich persons to sing psalms for the souls of their relatives, and, of course, received money for doing so. When the office had come to be called a dirige, the term dirige-money naturally arose for the payment made in respect of singing it.

"Shibboleth" is of Hebrew origin. To-day it is often on the lips of politicians, and means a party watchword. The story of this word is to be found in the Bible (Judges XII.) In Hebrew it meant an ear of corn. It was used by the Gileadites to test the Ephraimites who could not pronounce the letter "sh":—

"And the Gileadites secured the fords of the Jordan, by which Ephraim was to return. And when any one of the number came thither in the flight, and said I beseech you let me pass, the Gileadites said to him:—Art thou not an Ephraimite? If he said, I am not, they asked him—Saythen, Shibboleth, which is interpreted, an ear of corn. But he answered, Sibboleth, not being able to express an ear of corn by the same letter. Then presently they took him and killed him in the very passage of the Jordan."

"Tragedy" and "tragic" are commonly used. Tragedy means literally a goat-song. The explanation of this strange combination lies in the fact that the actors in ancient Greek tragedy were usually dressed in goat-skin.

"Bus" is a shortened form of the Latin word "omnibus," literally "for all." Omnibus was a term given to a new type of vehicle which made its appearance in the days of Dr. Johnson. Curiously, it was a slang word in its eighteenth century, but in its modern abbreviated form is quite respectable.

Most people know that "daisy" is literally the day's eye, but how many will recognise the French phrase "dent de lon" (the lion's tooth) in our familiar dandelion?

Few words have such a varied history as "villain." During the Roman occupation of Britain a "villan" meant a Roman official who usually owned a house or an estate, which was called a villa. During the middle Ages the word deteriorated in meaning, and from being the chief man on an estate it became a term assigned to the lowest class of tenant under the Feudal System. With the change in meaning went a change in spelling, and in Norman times a "villein" was a serf. As a villein was bound to the soil, and had little opportunity of acquiring the finer arts, the words became synonymous with a boor or a rogue. To-day a villain means a scoundrel.

As a final choice let us take "checkmate." It remains still as a technical word in the game of chess, but it has entered every-day usage with the meaning "to frustrate." Checkmate is a corrupted form of two Persian words "shah mat" (the king is dead.) The origin of the game of chess itself is doubtful, but it was introduced into Europe from the East by the Arabs and the Moors who invaded Spain in the eighth century. It is probable that the Arabs were acquainted with the Persian phrase "shah mat," which in process of time became "checkmate."

Mr. Ben Turner, speaking at Edinburgh described the industrial conference as a very fine thing. Reform must be slow, but the joint body would meet several times before reaching preliminary conclusions. What was satisfactory was that a new spirit and message had arisen which said: "Come on, get together and get something done."

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MONOPOLY FEARED.

AMERICAN IMPORT POOLS AND THE CONSUMER.

Washington, Feb. 18.

The Judiciary Committee has approvingly reported on a House of Representatives Bill permitting American combines collectively to purchase rubber, potash, and sisal, but a minority report of the committee reveals marked differences of opinion as regards the ultimate effect of the Bill if it be enacted.

Whereas an overwhelming majority believes that the formation of import pools is the best method of meeting alien Government monopolies, the minority is of opinion that foreign monopolies will merely be replaced by more absolute American monopolies, and fears that the small American manufacturer will be entirely at the mercy of the import pools, and the consumer will find prices increased instead of decreased. —*Reuter's American Service.*

LATE LORD OXFORD.

THE CABINET'S TRIBUTE.

London, Feb. 18.

The Cabinet paid a tribute to the memory of Lord Oxford at its meeting yesterday, and at the request of his colleagues the Premier sent a letter to Lady Oxford which says, "All of us have long admired and revered Lord Oxford, as a great figure in the political life of the Nation and the Empire. Several have served with him as colleagues in the Cabinet, and have formed with him close ties of intimacy and friendship. We feel that with Lord Oxford there has passed a leader who represented the best traditions of the English race, and of our Parliamentary institutions, and we desire to express to you our deep sympathy in your irreparable loss." —*British Wireless.*

UNION CLOSED.

FOLLOWING MILITARY RAIDS AT PAKKAI.

Kongmoon, Feb. 18.

The headquarters of the Tung Tak Labourers' Union in Pakkai, Kongmoon, and Sunwui, have been officially closed.

This followed as the result of raids carried out by the 13th Division of the military on the 16th of this month.—*Naval Wireless.*

NICARAGUAN WAR.

PEACE PROPOSALS.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 18.

Peace pourparlers from the air is the latest development in Nicaragua.

The Commander of the United States Marines is causing peace proposals to be dropped from an aeroplane over Sandino's various strongholds, to which Sandino has replied, but the nature of his reply is not revealed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MUSSOLINI IN A DUEL.

STRANGE STORY OF HIS SHIRT OF MAIL.

SWORD SNAPS ON CHEST.

Vienna, Jan. 16.

A strange story of a duel alleged to have been fought by Signor Mussolini is published in the Croate paper "Kroatski Narodni Glas" appearing at Agram (Croate).

According to this report, great secrecy is being observed in Rome concerning the duel, which was fought in the capital between Mussolini and Count Calvi di Bergolo, son-in-law of the King. The circumstances of the duel are stated by the newspaper to be as follows:—

"The Council of Ministers recently decided to issue a new coinage. On the two-lire piece was to appear the head of Mussolini.

Mussolini submitted the proposal to the King for his approval. The King, however, refused his approval and requested Mussolini to confer on the matter with the Crown Prince.

Strained Relations.

It is notorious that relations between the Duce and Prince Umberto are very strained, the Heir to the Throne being anxious to restore the waning prestige of the Royal House, and not, therefore, too well disposed to Mussolini.

The Prince called in his brother-in-law, Count Calvi, the husband of Princess Yolanda, to a joint consultation, in the course of which Mussolini was betrayed into some impolite expressions.

Thereupon the Prince left the room, while Count Calvi threw his glove at Mussolini in token of challenge to mortal combat.

Meeting in Wood.

On the same day the seconds of the Count and Mussolini met, and it was decided that a duel should be fought until blood was drawn. The following day the two principals met in a little wood near the Zoological Gardens in Rome.

Calvi is one of the best swordsmen in the Italian army, and the danger to the life of Mussolini was considerable.

Mussolini (the Agram paper declares) wore under his vest the shirt of mail which he has always worn since the first attack on his life.

When Count Calvi, with some preliminary fencing, succeeded in scoring a hit on Mussolini's left breast, his sword broke in two, the half remaining in his hand. It was clear what had happened.

Count Calvi threw the broken half of his weapon at Mussolini's face, contemptuously exclaiming, "Coward!"

The halt wounded Mussolini slightly on the throat and chin, and he has since been confined to the Chigi Palace. No news of the duel has been allowed to appear in the Italian Press.

Count Calvi, member of an ancient Italian family, is acknowledged to be one of the finest horsemen in the world. He won several prizes in past years in the Olympia Horse Show, and was once an instructor at the famous Italian riding school of Tor di Quinto, near Rome.

When he married the beautiful Princess Yolanda, in 1923, the late Queen Milena, widow of King Nicholas of Montenegro, sent a message to the Princess: "You might have been a queen, but you prefer to marry for love."

U. S. STOCKS.

STOCKMARKET LIQUIDATIONS CONTINUE.

New York, Feb. 19.

The general liquidation continued in the stockmarket, most of the leading issues falling. United States Steel Corporations fell below 140 for the first time this year but rallied slightly, while Midland Steel Products preferred dropped thirteen points to 199.

Losses from 4 to 5.50 were numerous. To-day's sale aggregated 1,831,000 shares. The new Saturday record for business was continued.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SAMOA TROUBLE.

THREAT TO WHITES.

Wellington, Feb. 18.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Coates, announced that the Cabinet has decided, purely as a precautionary measure, to send the cruisers Dunedin and Diomede to Samoa, where a serious position has arisen owing to the failure of efforts to effect a reconciliation between the Mau committee (a native organisation aiming at self-government in Samoa) and the loyal section of the native population.

The Administrator reports that any action by the official police will be regarded as a signal for general retalintion by the Mau against Europeans, when the entire police force would be powerless and the maintenance of peace would be improbable.—*Reuter.*

AVIATION.

LONDON-PARIS SPEED RECORD.

London, Feb. 18.

All commercial air speed records for the flight between London and Paris were broken yesterday, when a Handley-Page Jupiter air liner, on the Imperial Airways Silver Wing Service, covered 230 miles from London to the French capital in eighty minutes.—*British Wireless.*

GERMAN POLITICS.

ELECTIONS IN MAY.

Berlin, Feb. 18.

The Reichstag has adjourned until February 27, when the Government's "emergency programme" before dissolution will be dealt with.

The elections will probably be held on May 20.—*Reuter.*

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OBITUARY.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN CHINA COASTER.

The death of Captain Edwin Monkman, in London, on February 13, will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances of the late captain on the China coast, where 29 years of his life were spent in the service of the China Navigation Company.

Captain Monkman left Shanghai last July on leave following which it was his plan to retire. Although at that time his friends wished him Godspeed on the score of retirement, actually his leave had only just expired when death overtook him.

The late captain had a host of friends in Shanghai and in Hongkong, the run between these two ports having been made by him practically the entire time throughout his long period as a navigator. With the exception of a short period in command of the str. Shanghai, when that vessel was a trooper in the Persian Gulf service, and another three years in command of vessels on other runs out of Shanghai, Captain Monkman was identified with the Shanghai-Hongkong run.

Commodore of the Fleet.

He was Commodore of the company's northern fleet, and had had at some time or other nearly all of the ships of the China Navigation Company under his command.

He came out to China in 1898 from Glasgow, as a supernumerary officer of the then new str. Kwangse on her maiden voyage to join the company's fleet. He terminated his service in July 1927, when he handed over the command of the C.N.S. Soochow to Captain Fraser and went shortly after on leave.

During this long service the deceased captain won the reputation, not only of being one of the ablest men in the service, but of never taking a holiday, the only time on record when he had short leave, being several weeks when he was off duty while in hospital.

When he left Shanghai last July, he told his friends that he would see how he liked London, and possibly, that finding conditions too changed for his taste, he might return to China to spend the mainder of his life here.

He is survived by Mrs. Monkman and a daughter, at present in Shanghai.

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FERRY DISASTER.

EIGHT LIVES LOST OFF CALIFORNIA COAST.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.

Twenty persons were drowned in a ferry-boat disaster midway between here and Oakland.

A huge wave crashed on the deck, and 40 people were swept overboard. Panic hindered rescue work.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Only Eight Drowned.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.

The official list reduces the number of persons drowned in the ferryboat disaster to eight.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHIP EXPLOSION.

OIL TANKER SPILT INTO TWO SECTIONS.

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

The tank steamer Chuky, with 10,000 tons of crude oil was within 100 miles of Japan on Wednesday morning when an explosion occurred in the oil tanks, with a second and more violent one which split the ship in two, after which the forward half turned turtle and sank.

The survivors believe that the captain and all who were forward were killed by the first explosion, except a deck hand who was seen dashing aft when the second explosion occurred.

An avalanche of blazing oil poured out and spread over the sea, making it impossible for the survivors to launch a lifeboat until the flames had subsided.

Survivors' Experience.

After 29 hours in a lifeboat in perishing cold, 21 survivors, including several who had been injured, were picked up by a trawler and taken into a fishing village, where they were shown the greatest kindness.

The naval authorities despatched a destroyer which searched the scene all night long, not finding any further survivors, or bodies. Altogether 14 are missing.—*Reuter.*

A Tokyo message of February 17 stated: A trawler has landed twenty-one survivors, including several injured, picked up at sea, belonging to the 7,000 tons oil tanker Chuky, which left San Pedro on January 19 for Japan and suddenly blew up on February 15, killing the Captain and thirteen of the crew.

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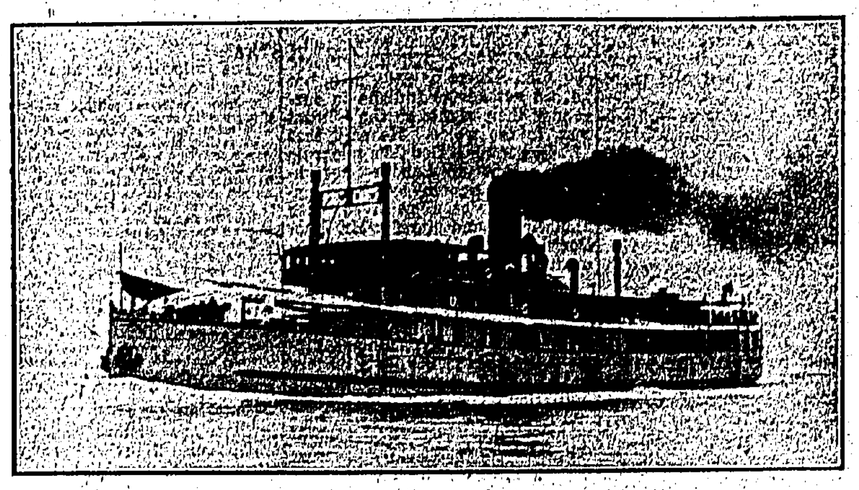

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MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
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MANTUA	10,946	16th Mar.	Shanghai
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MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
†JEYPORE	6,318	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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NOVARA	6,989	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
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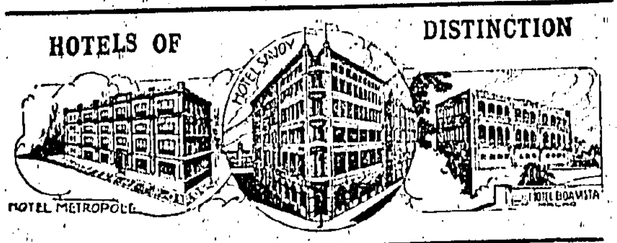

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FEWER HAIRPINS.

FASHION'S INFLUENCE ON AN INDUSTRY.

The present-day decline in the use of hairpins was referred to at a Board of Trade Industry into an application under the Safeguarding of Industry regulations for a duty on imported safety pins, hairpins, hooks and eyes, and snap fasteners.

Mr. W. B. Faraday, for the applicants, said that his clients contested the theory that changes in dress fashions accounted for the decreased use of pins. The short simple frock which was now worn was a well-established fashion before 1924, but nevertheless the number of pins continued to decrease. The decrease in British production was due to importation.

In 1913, Mr. Faraday continued, British production of hairpins was 47,000 cwt. In 1926 it had been fallen to 11,000 cwt. It was true there had been a general decrease in the use of hairpins, but the British production had fallen in much greater ratio than had imports, because the foreigner was undercutting the remnants of the market.

Hull, Jan. 19.—The Chapter of the Deanery have revoked the invitation extended to Dean Inge by the Bishop of Hull last year to preach at Hull during the present month. Dean Inge had accepted the invitation. Canon Berry, chairman of the committee who extended the invitation, but who was away when it was cancelled, said, "Dean Inge was to have addressed a mass meeting of church people. When, however, disorderly incidents occurred at St. Paul's, it was considered advisable for Dean Inge to cancel his engagement." Canon Berry disagrees with this action.

The first performance of the Hungarian translation of Mr. John Galsworthy's play, "The Skin Game," at the Hungarian National Theatre in Budapest was a great success. All the chief actors were called before the curtain many times. The Press predicts that the play will have the longest run of the season.

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BRITISH MINISTER ARRIVES IN HONGKONG.

Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O., the British Minister to China, is here seen inspecting the guard of honour from the 2nd Battn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, on making his official landing yesterday. Following him are seen H. E. Major General Luard (G.O.C., South China Command) and H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi, Governor of Hongkong. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

HERD RULE.

GIRLS WHO LOOK VERY MUCH ALIKE.

It is deplorable the girls of to-day groom and dress so much alike that identification is often impossible, said Miss Faithfull, the noted educationist, formerly of Cheltenham College, when she spoke at the Educational Association's Conference in London.

The Herd spirit in the life of to-day and its influence in the training of boys and girls was trenchantly dealt with by Miss Faithful.

"The labouring people, she said, lived in groups of hundreds and thousands in tenements. Richer people lived in flats, hotels, and clubs. They took their holidays in large groups on immense liners or in parties bound for winter sports, and those who remained at home gathered together in congresses or conferences, and strangely enough, showed no disinclination for their fellow-creatures, although they had been living with them (Laughter.)

In this age of mass production and multiple shops and combines and trusts, the people bowed to the will of the crowd and only the barber, the tobacconist and the newsagent still survived with a really personal interest in their customers.

Philanthropy was no longer the province of the lady bountiful, but that of the State. Indeed a society has been formed for the preventing of overlapping of other societies."

Women in their passion for community life had gone even worse than the men and turned their clubs, which should be places of relation, into entertainment halls.

Few Rebels.

Some of Miss Faithful's *obiter dicta* were:—

There is solidity about the English boy which is very protective. The girl is much more easily excited and in work and play throws herself into the community life. She lives in a state of breathless activity. She is perpetually in a crowd and she likes it. She feels she wants something else, but she does not know what.

There is a natural inclination on the part of most girls to imitate, to go with the crowd, to adopt the point of view of their fellows, their habits and in some cases the school customs. Marvellously few rebels exists in our schools; perhaps it would be better if there were more.

There should be more opportunity in the school of newspaper reading and discussion and the development of an intelligent interest in the things of the world outside the school.

Trained for Celibacy.

Mothers are becoming affected by the community life and have no time to cultivate the friendships of their daughters.

The aim of the girl's high schools is to train girls for a celibate life, says a writer. I agree. The future of England does not rest with the non-marrying girls but with those who do marry. I agree.

The fact is that while women have sought and obtained freedom and independence, too many have used that freedom and independence not so much to develop their power of initiative as individuals, but to follow a crowd in which personal initiative finds no place, but is overborne by the mass mediocrity of the many.

SIR M. LAMPSON AT FOOCHOW.

FIRST MINISTER'S VISIT SINCE 1858.

BUSY WEEK SPENT.

Foochow, Feb. 14.

Foochow has just had the unusual honour of a visit from the British Minister to Peking for the first time since 1858, when Lord Elgin visited this port.

Sir Miles Lampson arrived on board H.M.S. Foxglove on Friday and almost immediately went into the city to call on Mr. Huong Sing-do, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Government.

On Saturday, a number of the Chinese officials were entertained to luncheon at the British Consulate to meet Sir Miles. A reception at the same place, at 4.30 p.m., was largely attended by the foreign community, and the day closed with a dinner given in honour of the Minister by the British Chamber of Commerce.

Sir Miles met the leading Chinese officials again at luncheon at the house of the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs on Sunday, and the British, American, French and Japanese Consuls in the evening, after attending evening service at the British Episcopal Church.

A busy week closed on Monday with a visit to Kushan Monastery, where the distinguished visitor was received with honours appropriate to Viceroys under the old regime. On the following morning, he left for Amoy.

It is to be hoped that this visit may inspire the Chinese authorities to a stronger line of action in dealing with the disturbing elements in the province.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

SIMON COMMISSION.

BOYCOTT MOTION CARRIED.

New Delhi, Feb. 18.

The Legislative Assembly has passed a motion, by 68 votes to 62, urging a boycott of the Simon Commission.

New Delhi, later.

The debate on the motion was characterised by vigorous speeches on both sides.

Mr. Motilal Nehru was loudly applauded when he highly tributed Sir John Simon as a big man, but he did not advise Indians to surrender their rights to the biggest man in the world. He said that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's telegram stating that no Labour Government would appoint another Commission had been received with amusement, and pity for Mr. MacDonald's ignorance, as no Government of any kind could influence their decision.

Moderates Appeal.

Sir B. N. Mitra condemned precipitate action by the party leaders in rejecting Sir John Simon's invitation.

Sir Purshortamdas Thakurdas insisted that the omission of Indians from the Commission, and Sir John Simon's letter, were a studied affront, designed to indicate the inferiority of Indians to the world.

Sir Harisingh Gour favoured conditional co-operation, and declared that their grievance was with Parliament, and not the Commission.

Sir Basil Blackett appealed to the House not to reject the British

CRUEL MURDER OF OLD WOMAN.

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there was no evidence against him and he was discharged.

"It may strike you," continued the Assistant Crown Solicitor, "that so small a girl could not inflict the terrible injuries from which the woman died. A doctor will say that the girl is physically capable of inflicting such wounds. A *mui tsai* is usually hard worked and probably used to wood chopping and I assume that they are stronger than girls of a corresponding age who have no such hard work to do."

Dr. J. E. Dovey gave medical evidence, describing the nature of the wounds inflicted.

Asked if the accused could have caused the wounds witness said he had not examined the girl physically but he would think that with the weight of a chopper it would not take very much force to get down to the skull of an old woman.

The case is proceeding.

CANTON SEEKING LOAN.

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bankers, is another of the parties advancing the money, their participation being a reassuring factor.

Latest developments are the visit of General Feng Cho-man, the Finance Commissioner of Canton, to Hongkong. He has had several interviews with local merchants and bankers and left during the week, being accompanied on the return, it is understood, by officials of the Instone Banking Corporation.

The Instone Banking Corporation is owned by a financial group of which Mr. N. Instone Brewer, a well-known Hongkong barrister, is the foreign President, and Mr. Kwok Djion-eng, a prominent Nam Pak Hong merchant, the Chinese President. Mr. Kwok Djion-eng is the promoter of the North Point reclamation scheme, and is more familiarly known as the "Java Sugar King."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Hans Andersen; cutting patterns and silhouettes in paper. 2. A non-stop flight of 2,100 miles from Washington to Mexico City. 3. A folding stool which may be used as a prayer desk or a seat. 4. The third, the sixth, the fifth. 5. Students of mathematics at the University of Alexandria, about 300 B.C. 6. An old, graceful dance in duple time, danced at the French Court in the sixteenth century. 7. Used in English law for land which is free from all charges except those to the State, and is held for an indefinite period of years. 8. Langue doc: ancient southern French language; langue d'oil: ancient northern French language. The northern French persisted; the southern became a local dialect. 9. Algiers. 10. By wringing out boracic lint in boiling water, applying it to the injury, and covering with oil silk and cotton wool to retain the heat. It should be renewed frequently. 11. The death's head hawk moth. 12. Name of a real or fictitious person, the reputed founder of a country or people.

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